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"If you are serious about succeeding at university, this is the program you want to be in," says Liberal Arts and Academic Partnerships Chair Peter Meehan. Lucelle agrees. "The Liberal Arts Program is very eclectic with courses conducive to furthering one's studies," she says. "It added to my knowledge base in many ways and still continues to influence my studies at the University of Toronto."

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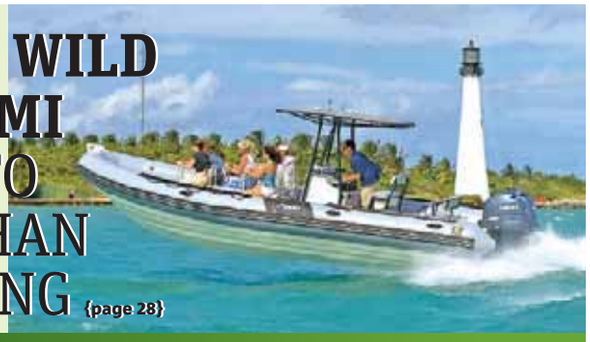

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Opening. Night

▶ Actress Tricia Helfer, star of Battlestar Galactica and The Firm, walks the red carpet on opening night of the Canadian production of War Horse at the Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto on Tuesday.

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Red-carpet walk for War Horse

Police searching for more clues in ATM-fraud ring

Data was allegedly trafficked for use in holiday destinations around the world ◐ Police release photos of 'persons of interest'

Police say they have cracked a massive ATM-fraud ring that allegedly stole data — and at least $360,000 — from more than 1,500 credit and debit cards across southern Ontario.

Seven people face 357 charges in the operation designed to steal card information from unsuspecting ATM users, then cash in using phoney cards.

Investigators also released ATM-security-camera photos of 12 people, described as "persons of interest," whom they hope to identify and locate.

Data was allegedly trafficked to and used in Europe, the United States, Chile, South Africa, Mexico and the Dominican Republic — all popular "holiday destinations" where some of the accused spent time, said Det. Ian Nichol of the financial crimes unit.

Canadians' "extreme usage" of debit cards could make us "more prone" to this type of theft. DET. IAN NICHOL OF THE FINANCIAL CRIMES UNIT

Chip technology makes it more challenging for thieves to use fake cards in Canada, but many other countries rely only on magnetic strips. This lax security technology enabled thieves to withdraw large sums of cash, Nichol said.

Before chip technology was introduced, the losses from such an operation would have been "substantially higher," Nichol said.

Fake card readers and small cameras were allegedly placed on existing ATMs, Nichol said.

The investigation uncovered two Toronto homes being used to manufacture such devices, which were distributed locally and abroad. Dozens of stand-alone machines and bank locations were targeted in Ontario. Every major financial institution was affected, Nichol said.

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Former teacher accused of '60s sexual abuse

Five decades after the alleged sexual abuse of a seven-year-old boy, a retired Scarborough elementary teacher has been charged with two counts of indecent assault on a male.

Alec Stanley Owen, 85, faces these charges on top of two November 2011 charges of possessing child pornography.

Owen was first arrested in November after British investigators tipped Toronto police to comments of "great concern" made in an online chat.

Two victims came forward after police published the pornography charges, said Det. Const. Michele Bond of the sex-crimes unit.

The alleged abuse of one victim spanned five years, from 1962 to 1967, and resulted in the two additional charges. Police continue to investigate the other victim's claims and fear there may be more victims, Bond said.

Owen taught at eight Scarborough public schools between 1959 and 1981 before he retired in good standing. He was a trained guidance counsellor, according to his teaching certificate, and police believe he tutored a number of children. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Alec Stanely Owen, seen in 1977, left, and 2011, has been charged with indecent assault.

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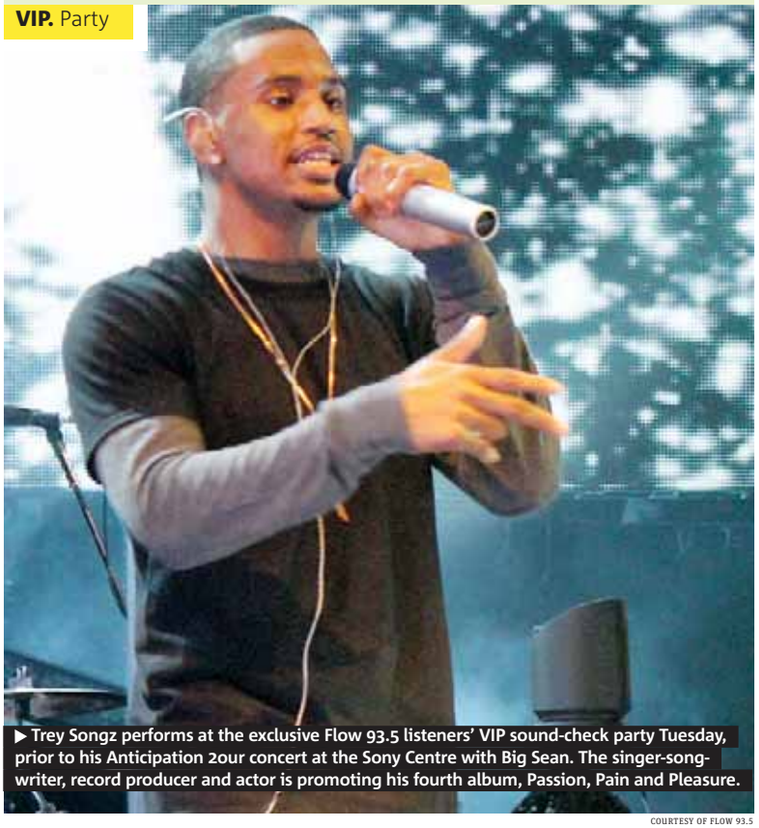

▶ Trey Songz performs at the exclusive Flow 93.5 listeners' VIP sound-check party Tuesday, prior to his Anticipation 2our concert at the Sony Centre with Big Sean. The singer-songwriter, record producer and actor is promoting his fourth album, Passion, Pain and Pleasure.

COURTESY OF FLOW 93.5

Trey Songz serenades fans

TTC workers threatened with death

One man arrested, another handed jail time in separate cases

As one TTC ticket collector recovers after being shot by a masked robber, news of two death threats made by other commuters to transit workers broke Tuesday.

One man was arrested for allegedly threatening death to a bus driver; another was sentenced to 20 days in jail for threatening death to a subway operator.

The arrest and sentencing come on the heels of a brazen robbery attempt in which ticket collector William (Tom) Anderson, 52, was shot twice at Dupont subway station.

On Monday evening, Toronto police arrested Nawras Zora, 23, who is accused of making a death threat to a TTC bus driver.

Zora is accused of attempting to board a TTC bus without paying a fare, threatening to "stab" and "cut up" the driver, and making a reference to the recent TTC shooting, said police.

A TTC news release issued Tuesday said Ryan Boyle, 27, had pleaded guilty Feb. 23 to causing a disturbance and threatening death to a TTC subway driver and customers.

Just days before that, Boyle had been riding a westbound train at Broadview station, threatening customers. When the train operator asked him to stop, Boyle threatened to kill the TTC employee and riders. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Computerized system could reduce wrecks

Positive train control being used to prevent derailments and collisions in U.S. and abroad

As rail investigators continue to sift through clues to the cause of Sunday's fatal VIA train wreck, one rail expert says it's time Canada considered installing a computerized train-control system being used in other countries, including the U.S.

Meanwhile, lawyers filed a class-action lawsuit on Tuesday against VIA and the CNR, seeking $10 million in general damages.

About half of the roughly 70 passengers have indicated an interest in joining the action, said Toronto lawyer Ted Charney, who's working with Windsor lawyers Harvey and Sharon Strosberg.

The claim was filed in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice on behalf of Niagara Falls passenger Sandra Lundy, 60, and others. Lundy "was very badly shaken up. A number of passengers ended up toppling on top of her," Charney said.

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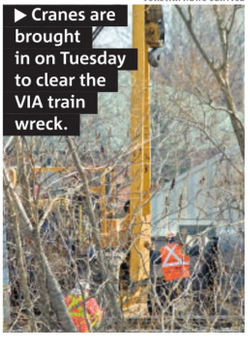

▶ Cranes are brought in on Tuesday to clear the VIA train wreck.

Positive train control is a computerized system that can shut down a train remotely if the crew misses a signal and travels too fast on a stretch of rail or moves down an unauthorized track.

"What most people don't know is (driving a train) is basically like driving a car," said Greg Gormick, a transportation policy advisor with Peterborough Conservative MP Dean Del Mastro, who chairs the House of Commons All-Party Rail Caucus.

"You need a signal to proceed or stop, and the crew is expected to respect that signal. But there's nothing to ensure they do," he said.

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Recipients. Honoured

▶ Recipients of the Governor General's Awards in Visual and Media Arts, from left, Margaret Dragu, Geoffrey James, Charles Lewton-Brain, Ron Martin, Diana Nemiroff, Jan Peacock, Royden Rabinowitch and Jana Sterbak, following the ceremony Tuesday in Toronto.

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Governor General's Awards handed out

Rollover shuts down two highways

A tractor-trailer flipped over on the eastbound 403 Tuesday afternoon and was balancing precariously on the edge of a guardrail above Highway 407. The trailer's side got torn by the guardrail and some of the engine blocks it was carrying spilled onto 407 below. Fortunately, there was no traffic on the road below when the blocks fell.

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Panel expected to favour LRT over subway on Sheppard

City council will gather ahead of schedule on March 15 to decide what kind of transit the city wants built on Sheppard Avenue East.

The meeting, originally slated for March 21, is expected to spell the end of Mayor Rob Ford's move to extend the Sheppard subway.

The city gave notice Tuesday that the meeting would happen during March Break to avoid conflicts with other meetings.

It is expected the panel charged with recommending the best transit for Sheppard will advocate light rail on the road, rather than the subway extension Ford promised in the election.

"It's the vote the province has been waiting for," said TTC chair Karen Stintz.

Council's endorsement of a Sheppard plan is among the signals Premier Dalton McGuinty says the province needs to move ahead on spending $8.4 billion for Toronto transit.

The panel was appointed earlier this month when council approved a road-level LRT for Finch Avenue West and building the Eglinton LRT aboveground east of Laird Drive to Kennedy Station — a plan that ran contrary to the mayor's vision of all-underground transit.

TTC chief general manager Gary Webster was fired by Ford's loyalists on the TTC board last week for supporting LRT as a way to spread rapid transit to more parts of the city. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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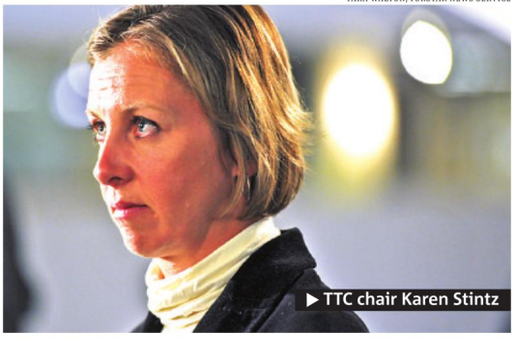

▶ TTC chair Karen Stintz

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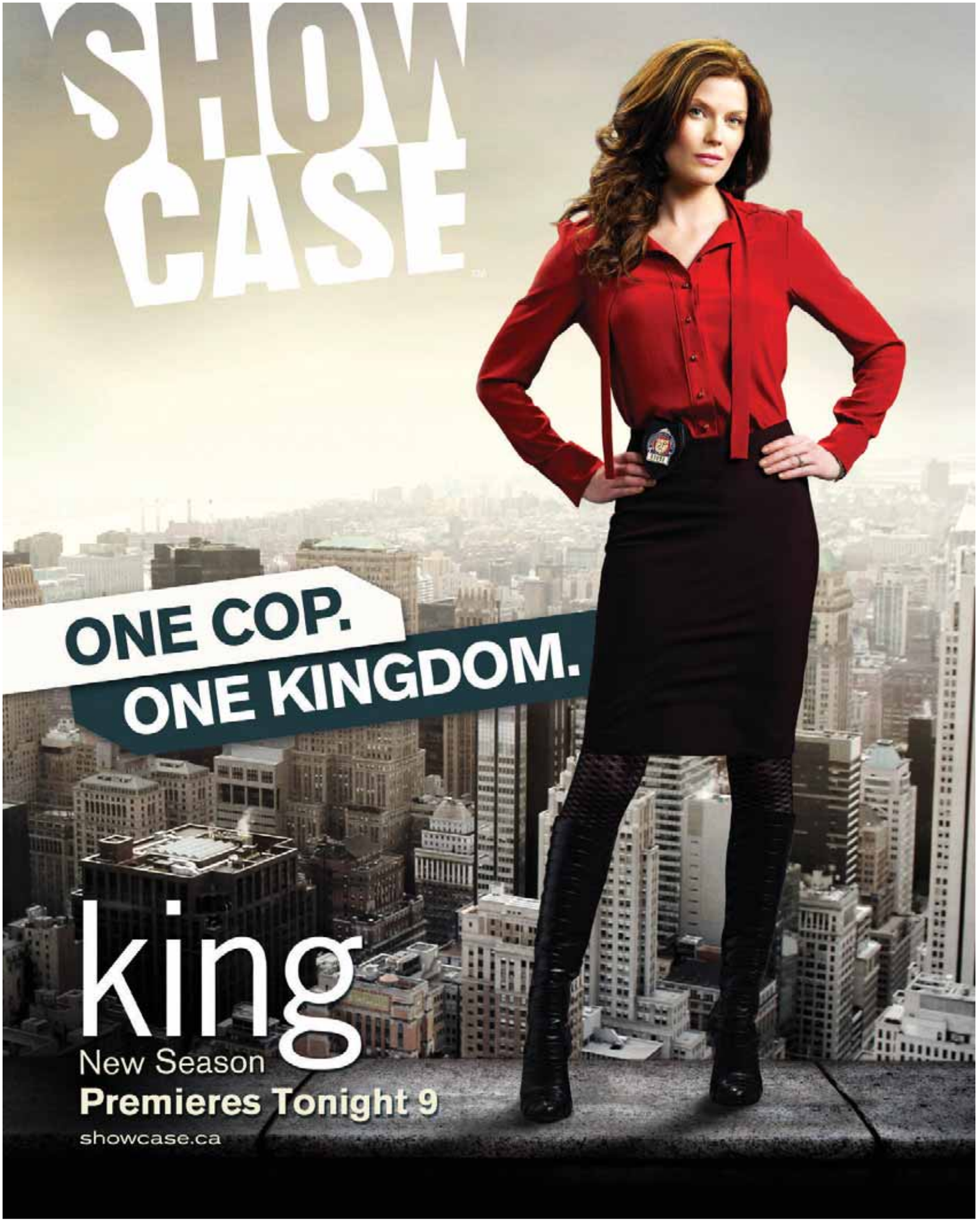
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Immigration-research centres axed

- **Funding cut to ensure 'ongoing value for money'**
- **Critics worry future policy will be based on politics**

Ottawa plans to stop funding a research network whose findings have helped improve Canada's immigration policies and settlement programs, the Toronto Star has learned.

The federal government will not renew its $9-million, five-year funding to the five Metropolis research centres in Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Edmonton and Halifax when the grant runs out in 2013.

Critics say the cut is another blow to researchers and community groups who have already lost the reliable data gleaned from the mandatory long-form census, which the Conservatives ended in 2010.

"If you want to make policies based on opinions instead of what the facts are, you get rid of the facts," said John Campey of Social Planning Toronto, which founded the Ontario centre along with United Way Toronto and the Ontario Council of Agencies Serving Immigrants, in partnership with three Toronto universities.

Campey believes the federal government is taking steps "to undermine the ability of the government and community to argue a case based on facts, which is truly frightening."

The federal government initiated the Metropolis network in response to rapid demographic change that left policy-makers out of touch with emerging needs and trends among immigrants.

Its research shed light on many migrant issues and contributed to knowledge about the experiences and contributions of newcomers in all spheres of life, said York University professor Valerie Preston, a director of the Ontario group.

For example, one focus has been on how well immigrants integrate into Canada's labour market — which brought the issue of recognition of foreign credentials and the engagement of Canadian employers to the forefront.

In response, English-language classes shifted gears to offer more profession-specific language training, and "career bridging" programs were developed to help newcomers get Canadian work experience through job placements.

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▶ York University Prof. Valerie Preston is a director of the Ontario Metropolis Centre, part of a research network on immigration settlement slated to be closed next year.

Health of poor not on par with that of rich: Study

If poorer Ontarians were as healthy as richer Ontarians, there would be 230,000 fewer people with disabilities and nearly 3,400 fewer deaths annually, according to an exhaustive study on women's health.

There would also be 318,000 fewer people in fair or poor health, says the study released Tuesday.

While it has long been known that poor people are sicker, this is the first time provincial researchers have drilled down to measure the extent of such inequities.

"There were a couple of things that jumped out to us — the magnitude (of inequities) and the impact in Ontario is huge," said lead researcher Dr. Arlene Bierman, a scientist with the Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences and a physician at St. Michael's Hospital.

The study found that poorer people are more likely to end up hospitalized because of chronic conditions — like heart failure, diabetes, asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. If poorer people had the same hospitalization rates for these conditions as high-income Ontarians, there would be 15,709 fewer hospitalizations annually in Ontario, for an overall drop of 30 per cent.

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Robocalls 'very serious', says ex-elections head

Attempts same as trying to 'deprive a person of their constitutional right to vote': Kingsley Would breach Section 482 of the Canada Elections Act

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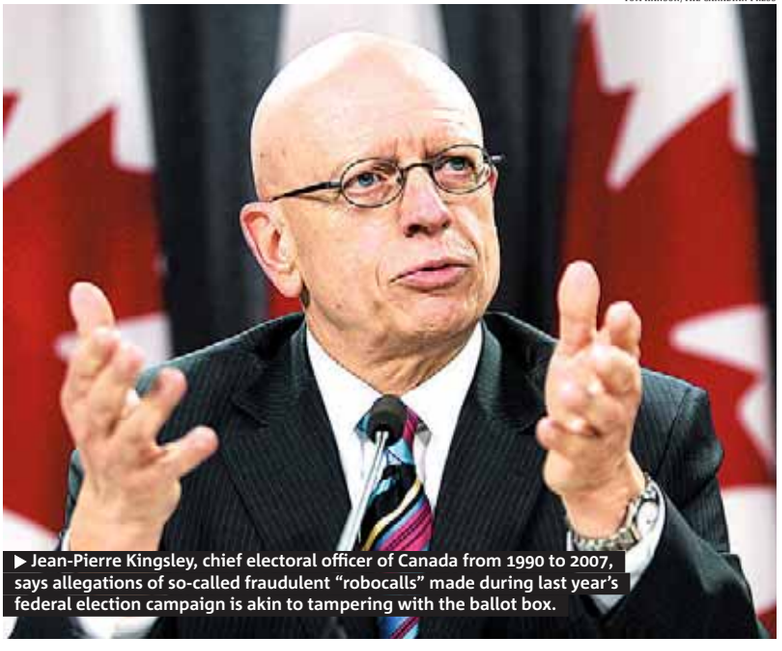

▶ Jean-Pierre Kingsley, chief electoral officer of Canada from 1990 to 2007, says allegations of so-called fraudulent "robocalls" made during last year's federal election campaign is akin to tampering with the ballot box.

Any attempt to mislead voters by telling them to go to non-existent polling locations, or harassing them in an effort to get them to change their vote is akin to tampering with the ballot box, says the former head of Elections Canada.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, chief electoral officer of Canada from 1990 to 2007, characterized recent allegations of so-called fraudulent "robocalls" and harassing phone calls made during last year's federal election campaign as "very serious."

"To have attempted it, which is against the Canada Elections Act, is to effectively try to deprive a person of their constitutional right to vote," Kingsley told the Toronto Star Tuesday.

"You're trying to prevent that person from voting or vote against what they wanted to do initially. And at that very moment, Canadians are deciding who will represent them."

The alleged offences would likely breach Section 482 of the Canada Elections Act, said Kingsley. The section says anyone who "by intimidation or duress, compels a person to vote or refrain from voting" or who "by any pretence or contrivance, including by representing that the ballot or the manner of voting at an election is not secret, induces a person to vote or refrain from voting" is guilty of an offence.

The maximum penalty upon conviction is a $5,000 fine, five years in prison, or both.

"The purpose of these calls is clear," said Kingsley, now a senior fellow at the University of Ottawa's school of public and international affairs. "When you're doing that, you're attacking the very essence of the electoral process. That's how serious it is."

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Quebec cops hunt men in joyride videos

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ÉLOÏSE COSSETTE, SÛRETÉ DU QUÉBEC SPOKESWOMAN

The Quebec provincial police are hunting for a reckless driver and a beer-swilling passenger who took a video of themselves driving at speeds of up to 150 kilometres an hour through rural Quebec earlier this month.

The video clips show them joking about their reckless escapade, even as they narrowly missed a couple walking their dog in the village of Lyster, Que., northeast of Montreal, while doing about 145 km/h in a 50 km/h zone.

"We see plenty of stuff in the video which seems illegal and dangerous, so we are currently investigating the video to find if we can get anyone for reckless driving and things like that," said Sgt. Éloïse Cossette.

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Man charged in cattle theft, fraud

Police have laid more than a dozen charges related to cattle theft and fraud in an area east of Edmonton.

Strathcona County RCMP say they first received a complaint three years ago that a central Alberta producer was missing 138 head of purebred Angus cattle.

He alleged they had been stolen and sold.

Howard Schneider of Ardrossan, Alta., has been charged under the Criminal Code with 14 counts of fraud and theft.

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▶ Hockey legend Jean Beliveau

Habs legend in hospital after suffering stroke

News that hockey great Jean Beliveau is hospitalized following a stroke has prompted an outpouring of affection and get-well wishes for the legendary centreman, beloved as much for his gracious personality as his graceful skating.

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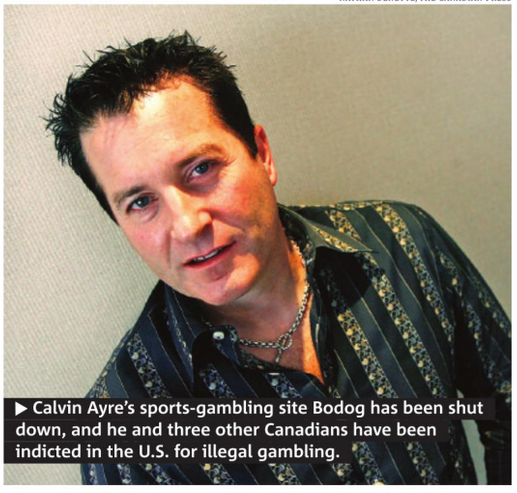

▶ Calvin Ayre's sports-gambling site Bodog has been shut down, and he and three other Canadians have been indicted in the U.S. for illegal gambling.

Bodog owner denies U.S. charges

Jet-setting playboy says gambling website did not accept bets from U.S.

Calvin Ayre, the Canadian billionaire who founded online-gambling company Bodog, was indicted by prosecutors in Baltimore on Tuesday for conducting an illegal betting business that generated more than $100 million in winnings.

Ayre, 50, and three other Canadians — James Philip, David Ferguson and Derrick Maloney — are accused of conspiring to commit money laundering while owning and operating the business from June 2005 until Jan. 6 of this year, court papers allege.

They are accused of moving funds from Bodog's accounts in Switzerland, England, Malta, Canada and elsewhere to pay winnings to gamblers and media brokers in the United States.

The Bodog website has been shut down and its domain name seized.

Ayre, a native of Lloydminster, Sask., posted a statement on his website Tuesday saying that his company did not take bets in the U.S, where financial transactions involving online-gambling service providers are illegal.

"Bodog UK, Bodog Europe and Bodog Asia have never taken bets from the US," it said. "The BodogBrand is currently consulting with its legal advisers with a view to having the domain returned."

The four face up to five years for conducting an illegal gambling business and 20 years for money laundering. Bodog.com faces a fine of up to $500,000 for gambling and money laundering. Court appearances have not been scheduled, and a spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Baltimore said the men are not in custody.

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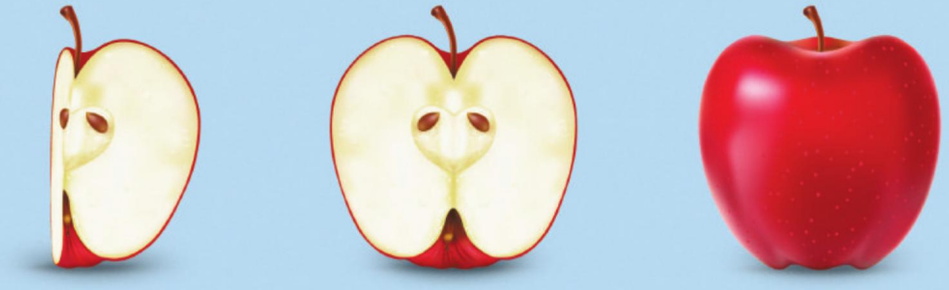

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Canadians aboard crippled cruise ship

Italian vessel from same fleet as tragedy-struck Costa Concordia is adrift off the Seychelles after a fire

Four Quebecers are among the 14 Canadians forced to sleep on the top deck of a blacked-out Italian cruise ship being towed toward land in pirate-infested waters off the coast of Africa.

The four "are OK and have been in contact with their families," Air Transat spokeswoman Debbie Cabana told the Star on Tuesday. They had booked the cruise through the Indian Ocean with the charter company.

Fire in the electrical-generator room on Monday morning knocked out power to the 28,000-tonne Costa Allegra's engines as well as lights and air conditioning. The Canadians and many of the more than 1,000 other people on board spent the night sleeping on the open deck because of the heat below.

With no electricity for the three restaurants and six bars, the passengers and crew have been relying on regular helicopter deliveries of packaged food, "comfort items," and flashlights, said Buck Banks, spokesman for parent company Carnival Corp., whose luxury liner Costa Concordia ran aground six weeks ago.

The 636 passengers "will be flown home as soon as possible" after they reach land Thursday in Mahé, Seychelles, off the coast of Somalia and Kenya. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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▶ Photo taken from a helicopter delivering supplies on Tuesday to the Costa Allegra cruise liner near Desroches Island.

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Pinterest's copyright concern

Onus on user to avoid copyright violations when 'pinning' on site

Pinterest is all about sharing photographs and images of things you like.

But wait. Before "pinning" that photo to your "pinboard," did you ask the owner of the photo for permission to use it?

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Unlike Facebook, which encourages you to share your own photos and asks whether you have permission to upload a photo every time, "pinning" is just a matter of clicking a button.

The site's dependence on third-party images that are often copyrighted has raised questions about the legality of the site.

Often photos are not credited, and some of the "pins" or "repins" don't link back to the original source of the content — leaving photographers and graphic designers concerned their images are being stolen.

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▶ A screen grab from pinterest.com

Bus driver acquitted in Toronto-bound crash

A bus driver was acquitted Tuesday of homicide charges in the deaths of four passengers killed when his Toronto-bound double-decker crashed into a low overpass in Upstate New York.

Onondaga County Court Judge Anthony Aloi announced the verdict after a non-jury trial of 60-year-old John Tomaszewski of Yardville, N.J.

Tomaszewski would have faced up to four years in state prison on each of four counts of criminally negligent homicide.

Tomaszewski was driving from Philadelphia to Toronto with a planned stop at the Regional Transportation Center in Syracuse when he missed an exit from Interstate 81 and ended up on the parkway instead.

29 Number of passengers on the Megabus when it hit the railway bridge just outside Syracuse, early on the morning of Sept. 11, 2010.

Assistant District Attorney Chris Bednarksi said during the trial that Tomaszewski was using a personal GPS device as he tried to find his way to the bus station and passed 13 warning signs, some with flashing yellow lights, before the wreck.

The crash killed a New Jersey teenager, a Philadelphia college student from Kansas, a Malaysian preacher and an information-technology specialist from India.

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Syria's envoy makes fast exit

He denounces a planned UN resolution as 'malicious and prejudiced' Then he storms out of meeting room

First, he delivered a fiery speech that accused the United Nations Human Rights Council of promoting terrorism in Syria and prolonging the nation's bloodshed.

Then he stormed out of the emergency UN meeting in Geneva.

All of which earned Fayssal al-Hamwi, Syria's ambassador to the UN in Geneva, a tongue-lashing.

The United States said he demonstrated the "delusional" nature of President Bashar Assad's regime.

"I think it's a reflection to some extent of what's going on with the Assad regime itself, holding a referendum that is farcical and a mockery of democratic processes when they're in the midst of a humanitarian crisis of their own creation," said Eileen Chamberlain Donahoe, the U.S. representative to the 47-nation council.

"Anybody who heard the Syrian ambassador should be aware that his comments were borderline out of touch with reality."
EILEEN CHAMBERLAIN DONAHOE, U.S. REPRESENTATIVE

The global body now says more than 7,500 people have died in Syria's turmoil since March. Reports say 100 civilians are dying daily.

Al-Hamwi told delegates: "We are convinced the real aim behind holding this session today is to cover up for the violence and murder perpetrated by the armed groups against innocent civilians."

He added: "We are not pretending that the human rights situation in Syria is perfect."

Then he said his delegation would withdraw from "this sterile discussion."

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▶ The victims can only marvel at the debris. Their house in Sarmin, Syria, was destroyed in clashes between the Free Syrian Army and President Bashar Assad's forces on Tuesday. Residents say at least 14 people were killed.

Tunisia to offer Assad asylum?

Tunisia's president says he's ready to offer asylum to Syria's leader, Bashar Assad, in a bid to end the Syrian bloodshed.

President Moncef Marzouki told a local paper the offer would also extend to Assad's associates.

Marzouki's interview was set to appear Wednesday in the French-language daily La Presse.

Tunisia would be a surprising choice for Assad's retirement as it was the first Arab nation to topple a longtime autocrat.

Its former president fled the country a year ago amid nationwide protests.

Meanwhile, Syrian rebels smuggled a wounded British journalist out of the besieged Syrian city of Homs and whisked him to safety in Lebanon Tuesday, activist groups said.

Thirteen Syrians who were trying to help rescue Paul Conroy and other trapped western reporters were killed in the operation, according to one group.

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Taking the lead

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▶ Marzouki

- Tunisia was the first country to recall its ambassador from Syria in protest of the violence.
- It also hosted an international conference Friday that called for an immediate ceasefire and the delivery of humanitarian aid to the country.

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Extremists slaughter 16 Shiites in Pakistan

Attacks on travellers feared after incident last month in which Sunnis were killed: Officials **Buses were travelling in convoy as security measure**

Gunmen wearing military uniforms stopped a convoy of buses in northern Pakistan on Tuesday, ordered selected passengers to get off and then killed 16 of them in a grisly sectarian attack, police and a lawmaker said.

The victims were Shiite Muslims, a minority in Pakistan that is frequently targeted by extremists from the majority Sunni community, said lawmaker Abdul Sattar. The gunmen spared several dozen other people in the four-bus convoy. A spokesman for a faction of the Pakistani Taliban, a Sunni militant group, claimed responsibility for the killings.

"They were Shiite infidels and our mujahedeen shot them dead one by one after bringing them down from a bus."
AHMED MARWAT, A PURPORTED COMMANDER WHO CALLED AN ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTER FROM AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION

The incident in the remote Kohistan region was the latest in a spasm of violence in the country in recent weeks that has demonstrated the resilience of militant networks, including groups allied to al-Qaida. The U.S. has tried to support Pakistani security forces in the fight against the extremists, but strained relations between the two nations hamper co-operation.

The bloody attack took place in the mountainous village of Harban Nala, which is some 340 kilometres north of the capital Islamabad. The area, part of the famed Silk Road linking northern Pakistan to China, is populated by Sunni tribes.

Police officer Mohammad Azhar said the buses were travelling from Rawalpindi to Gilgit when the gunmen attacked.

Sattar said eight gunmen were involved in the ambush, and all were wearing military uniforms, presumably to make it easier to stop the buses. He said the attackers ordered the passengers to produce their identity cards before ordering the 16 off the bus and shooting them.

Officials initially said 18 people had been killed and that just one bus was involved.
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▶ Pakistani Shiite Muslims chant slogans during a protest against the killing of their community members in Karachi on Tuesday.

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News in brief

Another Ohio student dies

CLEVELAND. The death toll rose to three Tuesday in the shooting rampage at an Ohio high school cafeteria as schoolmates and townspeople grappled with the tragedy and wondered what could have set the teenage gunman off. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

9-11 remains went to landfill

PENTAGON REPORT. Partial remains from some victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks ended up in a landfill, according to a Pentagon report released on Tuesday that revealed previously undisclosed practices at the U.S. military's mortuary. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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iPad plaintiff amends suit

Taiwan company now seeking rights to iPad name, suing for fraud

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▶ A man walks past an ad for Apple's iPad 2 in Shanghai on Tuesday.

Proview Electronics says it is now seeking to regain worldwide rights to the iPad name and is suing Apple Inc. for alleged fraud and unfair competition, hoping to have a 2009 sale of the trademark ruled void.

The Taiwan-based maker of LED lights said in a release late Monday that it had amended its lawsuit filed earlier this month in Santa Clara, California's Superior Court.

Apart from having the trademark sale voided, it also is seeking unspecified compensation, a share of Apple's profits from alleged "unfair competition" and an order for Apple to stop using the trademarks.

Apple had no immediate comment.

Proview insists it owns the rights to the iPad trademark in mainland China. A Shanghai court last week rejected its demand for an injunction preventing Apple from selling the iPad.

It also postponed hearing the case pending a decision by a court in southern China's Guangdong Province, where Proview's mainland Chinese factory is based. The Guangdong High Court is due to convene Wednesday for an appeal by Apple of a lower-court judgment against the U.S. company's claim to the trademark.

Apple has given no sign it would be willing to settle. It contends Proview failed to transfer ownership of the mainland Chinese iPad trademark as agreed in the 2009 deal.

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Business subsidies on the line

More than $2 billion worth of grants, tax credits and other direct subsidies for businesses could be on the chopping block.

The government is reviewing at least 50 different business-support programs across eight different ministries worth about $1.3 billion a year, plus another $1 billion annually in business-tax credits, Economic Development Minister Brad Duguid said Tuesday.

Economist Don Drummond, who was hired by the Liberals to review all government spending to find efficiencies, said "business subsidies are often not an efficient use of public resources and have done little to raise living standards."

"We think the government could go further and eliminate corporate welfare altogether," said opposition economic development critic Monte McNaughton.

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Microsoft to preview Windows 8 software

New operating system could help lift fortunes of struggling PC makers such as Dell and Hewlett-Packard

Since Microsoft released its Windows operating system in 1985, most of the sequels have been variations on the same theme. Not that it mattered much. Regardless of the software's quality, Microsoft managed to remain at the centre of the personal-computing universe.

The stakes are much different as the company puts the finishing touches on Windows 8 — perhaps the most important piece of software the company has designed since co-founder Bill Gates won the contract to build the first operating system for IBM's personal computer in the early 1980s.

A beta version of the revamped operating system will be unveiled Wednesday in Barcelona, nudging Windows 8 a step closer to its anticipated mass-market release in the fall. It's the most extensive look at Windows 8 since Microsoft released an early version of the system to developers five months ago.

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▶ Microsoft chairman Bill Gates

Microsoft designed Windows 8 to help it perform a difficult balancing act. The company hopes to keep milking revenue from a PC market that appears to be past its prime, while trying to gain a stronger foothold in the more fertile field of mobile devices.

If Windows 8 succeeds, it is expected to spawn a new breed of hybrid machines that will be part computer tablet, part laptop computer. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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But, it turns out, that's not always the case.

Yoga, for example, lost one of its shining stars recently as yogi John Friend, the founder of Anusara yoga — a kind of feel-good, hang-loose variation on the theme — resigned amid accusations that he felt too good and hung too loose.

Friend, the accusations go, wanted to be more than friends with an unusually large number of his female adherents, ran Wiccan covens featuring a variety of sexual activities, kept employees busy scoring marijuana on his behalf, and at one point even froze his employees' pensions.

"They may have to build a new wing onto The Bad Yogi Hall of Shame to shoehorn John Friend in with fellow philanderers ..."

So much for Mr. Nice Yogi.

The yoga community has been rocked and shocked by this scandal, and more than 50 Anusara teachers have rolled up their mats and left the ashram. But as a number of astute commentators have noticed, this is hardly the first time some guru has stepped out of line. They may have to build a new wing onto The Bad Yogi Hall of Shame to shoehorn John Friend in with fellow philanderers Swami Muktananda, Swami Satchidananda, Swami Amrit Desai and Swami Rama.

The problem may be that yoga (unlike yogurt) is inherently sexy. Hatha yoga, the form most practised around the world, started as a branch of Tantra, which is all about seeking spiritual bliss through sex. The movement to make it safe for a general audience didn't really take hold until the 20th century, so the sex is just under the surface, which should be obvious whenever you find yourself in the "downward dog" pose.

According to a usually reliable source — the New York Times — there is scientific evidence that yoga is inherently sexy. It causes an increase in testosterone (the guru sex hormone), sexy brain waves, and yoga's fast-breathing practice can increase blood flow through the genitals. Like Viagra.

At Rutgers University, researchers have found that yoga can be an effective form of mental masturbation, leading to spontaneous orgasm, or "thinking off." Don't try that with yogurt. (It doesn't work.)

So the real surprise is that there aren't more yoga-based shenanigans. The real surprise, considering the evidence, is that anyone is surprised. Add the power imbalance that often goes with these guru-groupie situations, and you have a surefire recipe for scandal.

Of course, millions of people who practise yoga and eat yogurt aren't looking for kicks. They just want improved flexibility and digestion.

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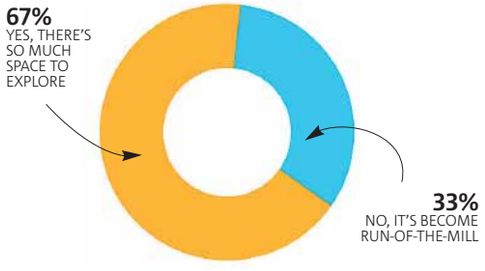

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- **@Martin_E_Rubio:** Sir Elton John is coming to Toronto to host Fashion Cares #TIFF #FashionCares #Toronto
- **@drummond17:** For more information on how to protect yourself from being a victim of Fraud, visit the TPS website and the TPS Fraud Facebook page.
- **@paulmmcleod:** Legendary former Canadiens captain Jean Béliveau is in a Montreal hospital recovering from a stroke, his second in just over two years.
- **@thekenchan:** Thx to the MPs who met with @CFCanada advocates on #Rarediseaseday2012. Canada, unlike most G8 countries, has no orphan drug policy #cdnpoli

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London unoccupied

Occupy London camp removed

LONDON. A time for contemplation and reflection? A supporter of anti-capitalist movement Occupy London meditated in the remains of a partially dismantled tent in London on Tuesday morning. After being camped outside St. Paul's Cathedral for more than four months, demonstrators were evicted by police and bailiffs.

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"The relationships forged during these strange and beautiful four and a half months still have much further to run. This is only the beginning."

STATEMENT FROM WEBSITE OF OCCUPY THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

Britain's protests

- **November 2010:** 55,000 students demonstrate over tuition fees.
- **December 2010:** Protesters target state buildings and damage a car carrying Prince Charles.
- **August 2011:** More than 2,800 people are arrested after a protest over a fatal shooting by police prompted rioting.
- **November 2011:** Occupy movement set up.

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Occupy London activist

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Films that take a leap

It's not every year we get an extra day to play Some filmmakers have based their movies around the magical Feb. 29 — telling leap year tales of love, ennui and ghosts

IN FOCUS

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You may not be aware of this, but we're living in a bissextile year. What does that mean? Well, it means today's date, Feb. 29, didn't exist last year. Or the year before that. In fact, you have to flip the calendar back to 2008 to find the last time February had 29 days.

But how to celebrate the year's extra day? If you are Ja Rule, Antonio Sabato Jr., or Tony Robbins, all leap year babies, you could throw yourself a birthday party, but if not, why not rent or download (legally of course!) a movie about those rare years with 366 days?

The Amy Adams rom-com Leap Year is based on an old Irish legend that says that women can propose to men, but only on Feb. 29. She travels to Ireland to ask for her longtime beau's hand, only to get sidetracked in Wales by a tall handsome stranger played by Matthew Goode.

You can likely guess the rest (and if you can't you need to go to romantic comedy school and learn how this works) but the proposal Amy finally gives is much different than the one she originally intended.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Amy Adams stars opposite Matthew Goode in Leap Year, a rom-com about an American who travels to Ireland to propose to her longtime beau on Feb. 29.

Also on the romantic side is The Leap Years, a Chinese film about a woman who meets her lover once every four years on, you guessed it, Feb. 29. The main character, Li-Ann, is played by three actresses. Beatrice Chia handles all the narration, Wong Li-lin ushers her through her 20s with Joan Chen playing her in middle age.

Rounding out our look at leap year movies are two films with nothing whatsoever to do with romance.

The strange and disturbing Ano Bisiesto was the first Mexican film to win the Camera D'Or award at the Cannes Film Festival. The story of a lonely woman (Monica del Carmen) who marks off the days on a calendar as she reveals her true self to her lover was called "a blind leap into the void of art-house cinema du extreme, South of the Border division" by Time Out but is also a deeply felt psychological drama.

On the scary side is The Curse of February 29, a Korean horror film about a blood stained bus ticket, a vengeful ghost and a leap year murder.

Leap years at the movies offers something for everyone — love, ennui and even ghosts!

Stage Notes

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Learn how to enjoy the High Life

Ever tried herding cats? Comedy about junkies planning the 'perfect' heist comes to Toronto

Recently opened at the Young Centre for the Performing Arts is the hilarious Soulpepper production of noted Canadian playwright Lee MacDougall's black comedy High Life.

High Life, and forewarning this play is for mature audiences only, is about just that — junkies who are on the lookout for their next high.

And while serious subject matter may make for drama, MacDougall's script as well as the superbly rendered characters make the High Life the most fun you'll probably ever have watching a group of junkies plan and execute the supposedly "perfect" heist.

High Life features only four characters played by stage veterans: Michael Hanrahan, Oliver Dennis, Diego Matamoros and Mike Ross. Hanrahan, Dennis, Matamoros and Ross's combined camaraderie, and chemistry feed off of the energy created from MacDougall's better than average heist plot.

And while the audience might not completely identify with MacDougall's characters they can easily go along for the very worthwhile joyride. Plan your getaway car if you need to and head on down to the Distillery District to catch High Life before it is stolen for good. High Life is on stage until March 28.

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Scene in brief

Urkel, the Empress of Soul and one of the Green Bay Packers are waltzing onto Dancing With the Stars. Family Matters actor Jaleel White, singer Gladys Knight and National Football League player Donald Driver will be among the 12 celebrity contestants on the next season of the ABC dancing competition. Other famous faces participating in the 14th edition include The View co-host Sherri Shepherd, singer-songwriter Gavin DeGraw, Little House on the Prairie actress Melissa Gilbert and Disney Channel star Roshon Fegan. The new cast, which also includes tennis player Martina Navratilova, Melrose Place actor Jack Wagner, telenovela star William Levy, operatic singer Katherine Jenkins and Extra co-host Maria Menounos, was announced Tuesday on Good Morning America. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Meryl Streep donates $10K to school on behalf of hometown star Viola Davis

Talking points

Hudson could testify at murder trial

CRIME. Oscar winner Jennifer Hudson is on the witness list for the upcoming trial of a man accused of killing her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew.

The Chicago Tribune reports, however, that prosecutors haven't yet disclosed whether Hudson will actually testify at William Balfour's trial, which is slated to begin April 9.

Balfour was the estranged husband of Hudson's sister, Julia. Hudson's mother and brother were found dead in the family's home on Chicago's South Side in 2008. Her nephew's body was found days later in a vehicle on the city's West Side. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Entering Rwanda's Fray

Band's new album inspired by visit to war-torn nation **Scars & Stories tackles big issues**

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▶ Issac Slade, left, and Joe King of The Fray pose for a photo in New York. The band's third album, Scars & Stories, was released earlier this month.

The Fray's new song Heartbeat seems to be about reviving a broken relationship, with lyrics like "I wanna kiss your scars tonight, and baby, you gotta try, you gotta let me in."

But the inspiration for the rock tune has little to do with a failed romance. Instead, it comes from one of the worst tragedies in recent memory — the genocide in Rwanda nearly two decades ago.

Lead singer and writer Isaac Slade was visiting the Rwandan capital of Kigali last year when he found himself standing on the site where more than 250,000 victims of the country's 1994 genocide were buried. Then he had an epiphany.

"(I was) at this gathering with a bunch of local (people) and ex-pats, all standing in a circle holding hands, just kind of thinking and talking about Rwanda. This chick was standing next to me and I couldn't tell if it was her heartbeat or mine, but it felt like the country was getting its pulse back to it," Slade remembered.

"I busted out my phone and wrote that pre-chorus of this song called Heartbeat, and wrote some of the chorus on the way back," he said.

The vocalist also spent time with President Paul Kagame after a friend arranged a meeting. The visit took place near Kagame's birthday, so Slade performed a solo version of The Frays biggest hit so far, How to Save A Life, in the presidential palace. Slade bonded with Kagame and the two men spoke of family and the darkest period in Rwandan history, when extremist Hutus killed more than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in the country. Kagame led Rwandan Tutsi soldiers at the time, and has been credited with ending the genocide.

After Slade talked to Kagame, he said he understood the purpose of Heartbeat.

"One of the few sayings that the Jewish faith and the Muslim faith share (is) that if you kill one man, you're guilty of killing all of us," Slade said. "So I wanted to flip that to the opposite. If you serve one man, if you do step off your pedestal or whatever like Kagame did and risk his life and led those people out of exodus, you're essentially loving the entire world."

The song is on the band's third album, Scars & Stories, which was released earlier this month. Producer Brendan O'Brien, known for his work with Pearl Jam, Bruce Springsteen and Rage Against the Machine, certainly helped shape the song and the rest of the album, said Joe King, the band's guitarist and co-vocalist.

"He pinned us on both sides, and that's what we needed," King said.

Album

Issac Slade said he feels the experiences that led up to this album left them, as a band, and as individuals, more mature.

Quote: "Every album so far has been a snapshot of who we are and where we are. Here we are."

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Portman married in secret to Millepied

Their jeweller confirms the pair had wedding bands made following Oscars

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Natalie Portman is married — and didn't invite us

After showing up to the Academy Awards sporting suspicious rings, it seems that Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied did, indeed, get married without telling us. Jeweler Jamie Wolf confirms that the couple — who met on the set of Black Swan and have a son together — created the wedding bands.

"I designed the rings worn by Benjamin Millepied and Natalie Portman," Wolf told Us-

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▶ Natalie Portman

"I designed the rings worn by Benjamin Millepied and Natalie Portman. They were made with recycled platinum and conflict-free diamonds."
JEWELER JAMIE WOLF

Magazine.com. "They were made with recycled platinum and conflict-free diamonds."

Their eco-friendly jeweler leaked the news? This, friends, is what we call a rich people problem.

Talking points

Uma Thurman pregnant again

ADDING TO THE FLOCK

Uma Thurman is expecting a baby with financier Arpad Busson, her rep confirms to People magazine.

And while the actress wasn't necessarily ready to talk about her pregnancy, her friends were more than happy to.

"Yes, Uma is pregnant," a Thurman pal tells Life & Style.

"She hasn't announced it yet, but a lot of her friends were asking her, because they could tell the difference when they saw her at New York Fashion Week. She's usually so skinny, but now she has the cutest little bump and a glow about her." METRO

Celebrity tweets

"Turns out I married a man who knows every word to every Neil Diamond song ever. This wasn't mentioned in the courting process."
@missjudygreer

@RealMattLucas

"You'll chuckle at this. I just took a shower and I actually did at one point drop the soap."

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"random question what can i do to get rid of puffy eyes from crying? there is no way i am putting hemroid cream on my eyes!"

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Travel in brief

Organizers of a weeklong celebration of Ontario's burgeoning craft beer industry are hoping to attract visitors from outside the province to partake in the suds-soaked events. Hosted by 29 breweries, the third annual Ontario Craft Beer Week is planning hundreds of beer-themed activities across Ontario. The festival launches on Father's Day, running from June 17 to 23.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Don't be crooked, b'y: Dictionaries, phone app translate Newfoundland lingo

▶ Berlin Cathedral

4 great getaways

1 Berlin, Germany

Always on affordable travel lists, Berlin remains high because, this summer, the new Berlin Bradenburg Airport opens — and you may be able to find promotional flights there. After arriving, you'll find yourself in the East Village of New York, circa 1970s: the punk rockers are actually punk rockers, and the art is bold. By day, take in the history—you can walk along the Berlin Wall, or visit the Berlin Cathedral. By night, relive your techno glory days at places like Berghain/Panorama Bar, one of the best in all of Europe.

2 Paris, France

You already want to go. So go in August. The entire place clears out, and you'll find cheaper hotels, empty cafes and less queueing at museums. According to Woody Allen, walking around at midnight is fun, too.

▶ Paris

3 Nashville, Tenn.

Downtown Nashville is walkable (saving you transportation costs) and hotels are usually under $100 a night. That means you'll have more money to spend on entertainment. This is the place to see the big names (like Willie Nelson) or small ones, at venues such as Mercy Lounge (on hopping Cannery Row). There's usually a festival going on, too.

▶ Nashville

4 Costa Rica

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Two days in Istanbul

This Turkish city, with a combination of rich history and happening culture, spread over oriental and occidental continents, makes a great weekend. But it's so vast, where do you start?

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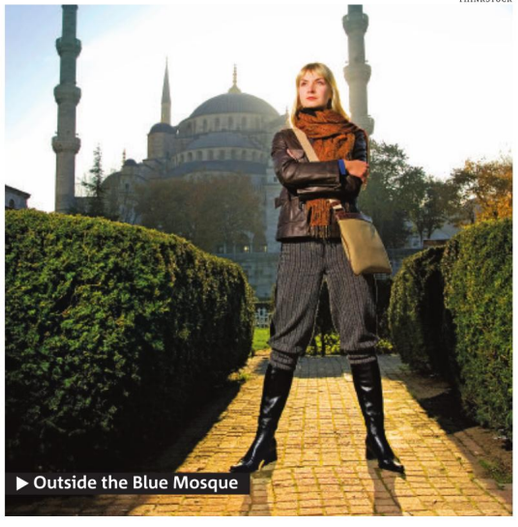

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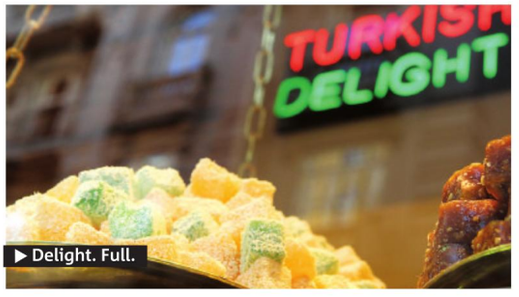

▶ Delight. Full.

Within hours of arriving in Istanbul for your weekend break, you'll be planning your return. It's impossible not to be instantly captivated by this majestic, exotic, history-soaked city — but its size is overwhelming.

Istanbul sprawls between Europe and Asia, split into three by the Bosphorus River, the Golden Horn and the Sea of Marmara. Fortunately, most of the best sights are within walking distance of each other and can be seen within a two-days break.

A great way of getting a feel for Istanbul is to hop on a ferry along the Bosphorus River. The local ferries from Eminonu are cheaper and more fun than the tourist tours, heaving with families, hawkers and Turkish tea-sellers and followed by gangs of shrieking seagulls as they glide round the Golden Horn and up the Bosphorus. This whistle-stop tour of the city, allowing passengers to gawp at the series of luxury hotels' waterfront terraces in Taksim, the sumptuous Dolmabahce Palace and the historic homes of Bebek, then back past the palaces on the Asian side. The sight of the sun setting over the vast domes and forest of minarets of Sultanahmet on the return journey is truly magical.

The grand scale and opulence of the most iconic buildings speaks volumes about the emperors and sultans that built them. The Topkapi Palace, an Ottoman Palace that was home to the sultans from the 15th to 19th century, is a feast for the eyes, with room upon room adorned with blue and white tiling, and displays featuring an emerald the size of a fist, a solid gold cot and even the sultans' voluminous pants. The sultans used to break fast during Ramadan beneath the golden Iftar Canopy in the Fourth Canopy; nowadays it offers visitors sensational views over the city where the waters meet, and a spot for the perfect snapshot.

Next door, the Blue Mosque with its dazzling blue and white Iznik tiling and the vast domed Byzantine church Hagia Sophia, with its golden mosaics so perfect you have to inspect them up close to confirm they're not painted, are just as impressive. Less visually-arresting from the outside are the Basilica Cisterns, the awesome underground reservoir which once kept the city supplied with water. Nowadays fat fish shimmer in the water within the 366 huge columns, one of which rests upon an upside-down head of Medusa.

There's more fish down at Galata Bridge, either on your plate at one of the restaurants beneath the bridge or in a mackerel roll from one of the neon-lit boats bobbing at the waterfront in Eminonu. It's one of Istanbul's tastiest street-foods, and one of the best — and cheapest — ways of dining with a great view of the city.

Quick tips

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- The famous Grand Bazaar, a warren of more than 4,000 shops, has alleyways dedicated to silver jewelry, antiques, stained-glass lanterns, carpets and evil eye-adorned souvenirs. But in a way, the roads outside the Bazaar's gates that weave down toward the Spice Bazaar are far more atmospheric, packed with locals window-shopping for heavily-sequinned ballgowns and inexpensive pashminas. Finish the day off with a Turkish delight, or freshly-squeezed orange juice from a stand.

3 PLACES TO SPEND YOUR EXTRA DAY

BEYGOLU

- Hop on a tram across the Galata Bridge to get a glimpse into real-life modern-day Istanbul, in Beygolu, home to some of the fanciest shops, clubs and restaurants. Browse the alternative shops on the cobbled Galip Dede Caddesi.

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DOLMABAHCE

- Along the waterfront from Beyoglu are the elegant 19th century mansions built by the sultans after abandoning Topkapi. These include Dolmabahce, the last residence of Ataturk, the city's hero who led the country to independence in 1922.

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In India, Pakistan is called "our friend" but the air quotes used suggest the truth. We should be nervous sitting at the only open border between the two fighting countries with only two gates — no tanks — marking the line in the sand. Every night during the Beating the Retreat ceremony those gates swing open. Crowds of citizens, and a few tourists, cheer at the absurdity of brother lands constantly in battle and our family of four relax and quickly join in on the laughter and riotous applause.

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Young? Broke?

If so, a new travel website caters to you Off Track Planet is meant to connect "independent youth"

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Ever wish you knew which countries are best for cheap volunteer gigs? Or, what is Bunny Chow?

Freddie Pikovsky and his small, but well-travelled team of three other full-time staffers, have set out to answer those questions with the launch of Off Track Planet (OTP), a blog and magazine aimed at young explorers on a budget.

The Brooklyn-based publication is now in its fourth print issue, but you can enjoy it online, too. Metro caught up with Pikovsky, co-founder and CEO of OTP, to hear about the trip that inspired it all, why it's easier to hire younger writers and what it means to be young, sexy and broke.

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▶ The founders

How was OTP born?

Four years ago, I took my first trip abroad. I started in Israel and made my way through Western Europe to Greece, Italy, Spain and the Netherlands. It was life-changing to see how other people lived their lives. I came home to L.A. and I was on a mission to inspire other people to travel the world because I felt it would create positive change to see life through others. I realized there was nothing connecting independent youth travel to an audience, so I decided to come up with something edgy and truthful. I moved to NYC, where I spent my first year living and working at a youth hostel in Brooklyn, then began to develop a team.

What is the "young, sexy and broke" theme all about?

I qualify anybody who is young to be automatically sexy. Broke means you might still be living off your parents or you're not able to afford luxury cruises and five star hotels. You want to do it and you can, but in a fashion that is very low budget. A lot of the topics are about sex culture and party culture around the world. It's easy to say we're edgy, but we are trying to get their attention and the way we relate is that we are truthful about what's at the top of the list when you're a young traveller.

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What kind of information can travellers expect to find in Off Track Planet?

We do tips and advice, best destinations on a budget — not just destinations for budget travellers, but we will talk about going to expensive places on a budget. We write about the sexiest people from different countries, movies you should see before you travel to a country and how to haggle.

What has the response from readers been like?

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Miami's other 'wild' side

The Travellin' Canadian finds out there's more to Miami than just the night life and beaches

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It turns out there's a little more to Miami than all-night parties on south beach and endless days of baking in the sun. During my recent whirlwind jaunt to this sun-drenched paradise, I found there is a way to slow the pace just long enough to smell the roses, and avoid those 'Sobe' hangovers.

One of the surprising highlights of my visit turned out to be one of those tourist-trap style, stereotypical boat tours of Biscayne Bay.

It was just after arriving at the Miami Marina, I experienced one the coolest up close wildlife encounters ever.

Now, I've been lucky enough to get up close with some strange creatures over the years, from web-toed platypuses in Australia, to giant Orangutans in Borneo, but even they were no more impressive than what greeted me right here in the wilds of downtown Miami, no less.

DARREN PARKMAN/METRO NEWS

▶ Boat tours are a great way to see the more 'natural' side of Miami.

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▶ Manatees in the 'wilds' of Miami.

There they were ... milling around the docks ... a real live pair of giant, endangered and very blubbery manatees. These gentle giants were just lazily floating on the surface, surrounded by downtown skyscrapers.

It was a bit strange to see them out of their natural habitat, as tourists flocked around them taking pictures.

My jet boat tour courtesy of Ocean Front adventures turned out to be no less impressive.

Dolphins skipped alongside our boat as we passed a strange mix of natural east coast sea life in front of a collection of multimillion dollar mansions.

It was a bit weird to behold all this natural beauty as we roared by the waterfront of palaces of celebrities such as Rosie O'Donnell and Madonna, but hey, that's what Miami is all about.

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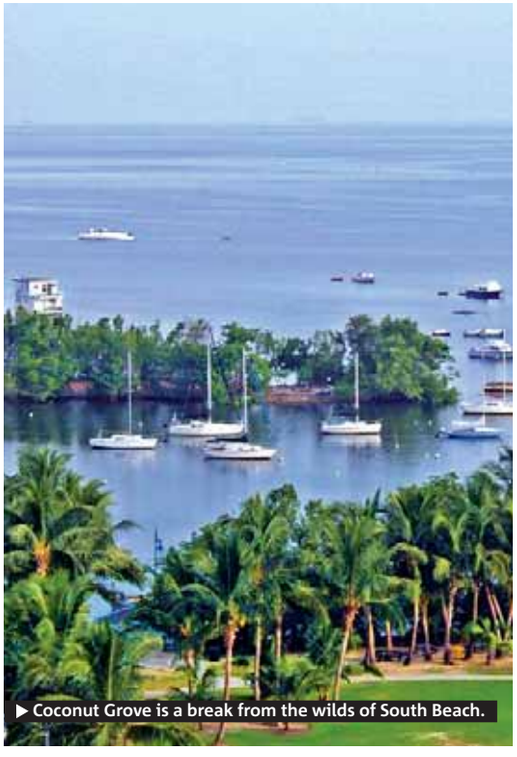

▶ Coconut Grove is a break from the wilds of South Beach.

Back on dry land, I chose gentler Coconut Grove over wild and crazy south beach, and was glad I did.

The vibe in the "Grove" is decidedly more mellow and relaxed, with tons of laid back watering holes filled with friendly locals. Of course I needed to soak up those suds with some great food, and the funky Peacock Garden Café was just the ticket.

There's nothing like a great steak under the stars in the middle of winter.

At the end of it all I felt as content as those blubbery manatees.

Other cool things to do in Miami

- **Do the South Beach strip:** Hey, when in Rome.... It's still an impressive display of trendy art-deco bars and hotels, and tons of crazy partiers dancing on tables and paying high drink prices.
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The image of dance

Dancer Baryshnikov turns camera on fellow dancers in Miami photography exhibit

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▶ Mikhail Baryshnikov

The dancer in the photograph isn't frozen in time. Her body is the source of light on a darkened stage, and with a blur of muscle, she's dancing straight at the viewer who has stepped into her moment.

The image is one of roughly two dozen by dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov, himself the subject of many photographs, in a solo exhibition of his photography opening Friday at the Gary Nader Art Centre in Miami. In Dance This Way, Baryshnikov turns the camera on ethnic, hip-hop, ballet, modern and popular dances around the world.

The show's title, Baryshnikov says, is meant to be both commanding and descriptive. He wants the dancers to move toward his camera, and he wants to show what he sees in their dances. "I'm interested in focusing on body parts, the movements which really one cannot notice in the audience," says Baryshnikov, 64.

He knows what he's looking for, after all, and he can get a backstage pass anywhere in the world. The Latvian-born dancer, who electrified ballet in the Soviet Union before defecting to dance with major ballet companies worldwide, is now artistic director of the Baryshnikov Arts Center in New York.

"This is one of the foremost dancers in the world, and the show itself is about dance," says gallery owner Gary Nader. "He has what would be some kind of inside information about what's going on onstage more than any other photographer."

Baryshnikov has been taking pictures for most of his adult life, and in the past 10 years he's experimented with digital photography to capture movement. The results are images of figures that are intentionally blurred but still recognizable as dancers in the act of dancing.

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- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sparkling orange beverage

Fill tall glass with ice and pour in lemon juice, vodka and simple syrup. Top with orange beverage and serve. Garnish with lemon wedge and fresh mint.

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Pasta: The next generation

Put aside granny's traditional meatballs and sauce and try this unique take on a favourite comfort dish The caramelized onions in this pasta are slow cooked to intensify the flavour

MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

This recipe serves eight.

A common complaint about slow cooker recipes is that too many of them require either too much planning or too much prepping (and sometimes cooking) of ingredients before they go into the cooker.

That's where this simple, but over-the-top-good recipe comes in. You let the slow cooker perfectly caramelize a whole mess of onions while you are at work for the day. When you come home, you toss those with a few other ingredients and in the time it takes you to boil pasta, you have dinner.

A food processor is the easiest way to slice this volume of onions.

Preparation:

1. In a large slow cooker, combine onions and olive oil. Stir well to coat, then cover and cook on High for 6 to 8 hours or until well browned and caramelized.
2. In large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta for about 9 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain well and return to pot. Add onions, creme fraiche, arugula and sun-dried tomatoes. Stir over medium heat for about 2 minutes or until arugula just begins to wilt. Season with salt and pepper to taste. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (PROFESSIONAL HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE VISIT, EMILYRICHARDSCOOK.CA)

Ingredients:

- 1.5 kg (3 lb) onions, thinly sliced
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil
- 500 g (1 lb) fettuccine pasta
- 1 tub (250 g/8 oz) creme fraiche
- 1 container (142 g/5 oz) baby arugula
- 250 ml (1 cup) thinly sliced sun-dried tomatoes
- Salt and black pepper

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Ravioli with Fried Sage, Asparagus and Walnuts

This recipe serves four.

This recipe uses ghee, butter that was heated until the milk solids separated from the liquid. Then it was heated some more, until the liquid evaporated and the solids began to brown.

The asparagus and walnuts pair perfectly with the sage and ghee in this recipe, but don't hesitate to mix it up.

Almonds and cauliflower florets would be great, as would lightly chopped pistachios and baby bella mushrooms.

The pinch of red pepper flakes doesn't add much heat; it just helps heighten the other flavours. But if you like your dinner with punch, up your pinch.

Preparation:

1. Bring a large saucepan of salted water to a boil. Add the ravioli and cook according to package directions, then drain and set aside.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, melt the ghee. Add the red pepper flakes and sage leaves, then fry until the sage is crisp.
3. Remove the sage from the pan and set aside. Return the pan to the heat and add the asparagus. Sauté until just tender, 4 to 5 minutes.
4. Add the walnuts, toss well, then add the drained ravioli and toss again. Crumble the fried sage leaves into the dish, then season with salt and pepper. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS

Ingredients:

- 284-gram (10-ounce) package fresh cheese ravioli
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) ghee
- Pinch red pepper flakes
- 5 large fresh sage leaves (left whole)
- 1 bunch asparagus, bottoms trimmed, cut into 5-cm (2-inch) lengths
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) toasted walnuts, lightly chopped
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

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When the chief has changed

You've settled into your role at work when suddenly there's a switch in management Here's how to start over

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▶ Your new boss will likely lead your team in a different way as the last. Embrace this new environment.

Many grads look to their managers to set the tone for their current and future working relationships.

There is comfort in having worked for a manager for a period of time — they know the way you think, they trust in your abilities, and they know the best way to coach you.

So how do you start all over again when you get a new manager?

It's a scary time, but also a great opportunity to grow your skills and be challenged by a new perspective.

It's very important for student and entry-level employees to be open, build credibility, and want the new reporting line to work.

Here are some tips if you have a new manager.

1 Come in open minded Your new manager is likely to operate differently than the last, so you should seek to understand their perspective. Don't make snap judgments.

2 Ask questions This is tied to not making quick decisions or judgments. Ask questions to seek understanding about changes your new manager is making if they aren't giving you the rationale or background.

3 Deliver results Delivering results with a great attitude is the best way to build your personal credibility with a new manager.

4 Be open and transparent Open conversation and transparency will work well on both sides to create a strong working relationship right from the get-go. Good luck!

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Talking through the transition

If possible, speak with your current manager about the transition they are completing with your new manager before it takes place.

If you had an open relationship with your previous manager, you can help shape this discussion by highlighting key things that really work in your current relationship.

If your current manager is unable to have a transition with your new manager, take matters into your own hands. Put together a "get to know me" email with your job description, org chart of your team (if applicable), previous performance review, and current targets and goals. Book a meeting with your new manager to get to know each other, walk through your current work load and review your goals.

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At the annual benefit for the Careers through Culinary Arts Program — a nonprofit that works with underprivileged high school students to get them ready for college and careers in the restaurant world — a number of distinguished chefs in attendance gave us their best words of wisdom for the next generation of kitchen superstars.

Read on for their cooking counsel.

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"Just make sure you want to do it, because it's definitely a difficult profession. Ten years ago there wasn't Top Chef and all that — it's out there a lot more, it's more of this glamorous thing. Your first five years, you're gonna be a grunt peeling potatoes and onions — and it's not as glamorous as you see. It's something that you really have to love if you're gonna get into the field."

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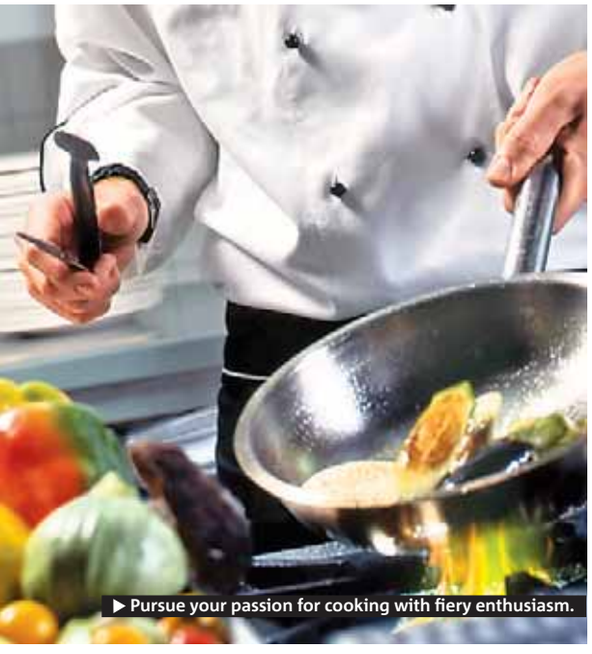

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"Learn your fundamentals. That's why an organization like C-CAP is so important — because these kids are given the fundamentals. From there, you could expand. Your expertise gives you the ability to really blossom."

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"Find yourself a job while you're going to school, and work in the environment. Or, before you go to school, get a job in the food industry — even if you have to be a runner — and see what it's all about. It's expensive to go to school, and it's a commitment."

SARABETH LEVINE, SARABETH'S

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"Continue to learn and continue to look at those who are next to you and around you for any new and different ways to do things. There is always more than one way to crack an egg. Never think that what you know is the end-all, be-all of anything."

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"Work hard and be really passionate. I think you should always aspire high and try to do your best. And if you're passionate and you work with a chef or sous chef that really cares about you, it can never be wrong. Today we have such a diverse restaurant scene — it's absolutely an amazing time to be a young, up-and-coming cook. This is the one field that you're always gonna be employed [in]."

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As you craft your resumé, consider adding some comedy to the skills inventory. A recent national survey from Accountemps staffing service reports the majority of CFOs value an employee's sense of humour for fitting into the company's corporate culture. "All work, no play can really erode having the levity. Building rapport among colleagues reduces stress and tension," says career expert Christine Endres.

In today's rocky job economy, a little humour can go a long way. But when do jokes lose the laughs? Endres shares four tips for exercising workplace-appropriate humour:

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▶ When it comes to playing around in at work, it's best if the joke is on you.

Don't play favourites
"Never make anyone specifically the person of target within a joke. Poke fun at yourself if you single someone out."

Check your tone
"Steer clear of any heavy-handed sarcasm, because it can be viewed as a subtle way of insulting someone. Workplace humour should be low-key or even understated."

Actively participate
"Even if you're not necessarily the funniest person, keep the mood light by being receptive to other people's humour — laugh with the group."

Keep the pranks in the closet
"To still be taken seriously, don't clown around too much. You don't want to be the stand-up comic, by any means, so practical jokes are always a bad idea."

Troubleshooting
"If you've accidentally offended your co-worker, a sincere, in-person apology can go a long way." Be mindful not to cross that boundary again."

A time and a place
Despite the benefits of occasional workplace hoopla, Endres notes the difference between a cubicle community and an interview room. Before you get the company thumbs-up: "Be mindful during the actual job interview. You don't have to crack jokes. You don't need to be a comedian. Be natural in ways that let your personality shine through."

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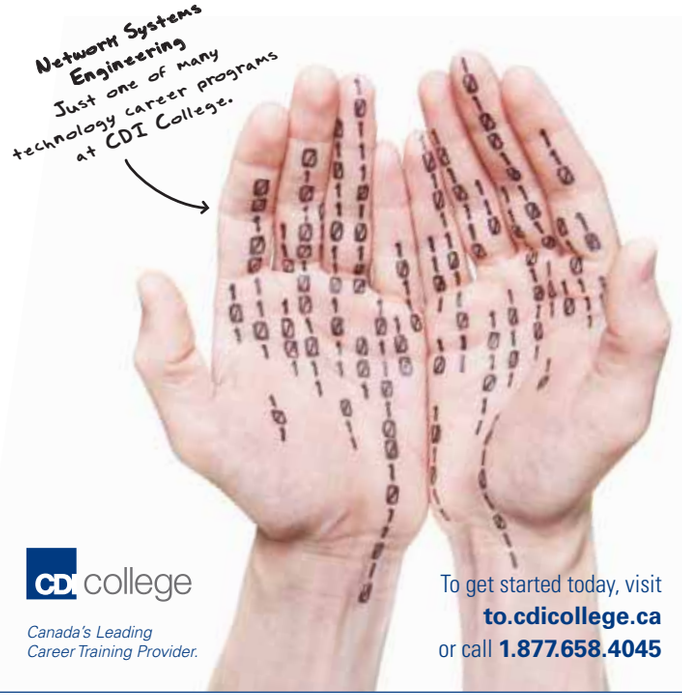

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Rockets withstand Raps rally

ROCKETS	RAPTORS
88	85

Kyle Lowry scored 26 points, Luis Scola had 15 points and 10 rebounds and the Houston Rockets beat the Toronto Raptors 88-85 on Tuesday night.

Kevin Martin scored 14 points, though he missed a key free throw with 11.7 seconds left that gave the Raptors a chance to tie it. But Linas Kleiza missed a long 3-point try, Martin corralled the rebound and the Rockets won for the 18th time in the last 25 games.

DeMar DeRozan scored 17 points, James Johnson had 16 and Ed Davis tied a career-high with 15 rebounds for the Raptors. Toronto outrebounded Houston 47-37, but went 2 for 17 from 3-point range with 17 turnovers.

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▶ Toronto's Jerryd Bayless in Houston on Tuesday.

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▶ Florida's Jack Skille congratulates Mike Santorelli on his first-period goal at the Air Canada Centre Tuesday night.

Leaf fans turn to boos

ACC patrons voice displeasure as slide continues with loss to Panthers

Another season is slipping away from the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Mike Santorelli scored twice Tuesday as the Florida Panthers handed the sinking Maple Leafs a 5-3 loss, an all-too-familiar outcome for fans in Toronto.

Loud chants of "Fire Wilson!" — directed at coach Ron Wilson — went up twice during the third period as the Leafs lost for the ninth time in 10 games, including all four of a disheartening homestand. Toronto sits four points out of playoff position but are showing no signs of pulling out of a tailspin.

PANTHERS	LEAFS
5	3

Marcel Goc, Jason Garrison and Stephen Weiss also scored for Florida (30-20-12). Jose Theodore added 28 saves.

5th

Tuesday night was the fifth straight game the Leafs fell behind 2-0.

Phil Kessel, Nikolai Kulemin and Joffrey Lupul replied for the Maple Leafs (29-27-7).

A day after general manager Brian Burke expressed hope that the passing of the trade deadline would relax the Leafs, the team was felled by a familiar foe: An awful start.

Defenceman Luke Schenn let the puck slip off his stick after the opening faceoff and Wojtek Wolski set up Goc for a goal just 13 seconds in. Just two minutes later Santorelli finished off a 2-on-1 with Jack Skille, setting off a round of boos at Air Canada Centre.

This one was particularly tough for James Reimer, the embattled goaltender who couldn't really be faulted for the shoddy play in front of him. He was cheered sarcastically after making his first save of the game almost 11 minutes in.

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4 sports

Leafs preview

Toronto at Chicago
8 p.m.
TV: TSN

The Leafs (29-27-7) travel to Chicago (33-24-7) for their second game in two nights. The Blackhawks have lost three in a row while being outscored 10-2. Patrick Kane scored his 14th goal of the season in a 3-1 loss to Anaheim Sunday and is on pace to score less than 20 for the first time in his career. Jonathan Toews (upper-body) has missed four games and is day-to-day.

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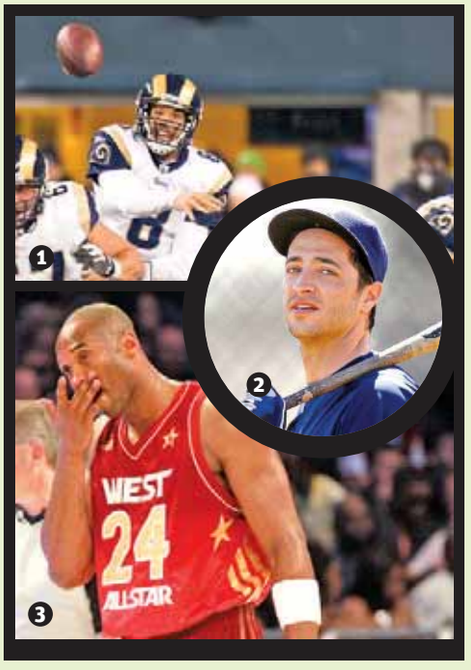

1 The St. Louis Rams are willing to trade the second overall pick of the April draft. Chief operating officer Kevin Demoff said Tuesday that the team would make a deal under the right circumstances.

2 The person who collected Ryan Braun's urine samples that tested positive for elevated levels of testosterone says he followed the collection program's protocol.

3 Dwyane Wade says he apologized to Kobe Bryant during Sunday's All-Star Game after seeing he had drawn blood with a hard foul against the Los Angeles Lakers star. The Lakers say Bryant broke his nose on the play.

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NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	61	40	15	1	5	169	124	86	21-7-0-2	19-8-1-3	7-2-0-1	W2
d-Boston	61	37	21	1	2	200	140	77	18-11-1-1	19-10-0-1	4-5-0-1	L1
d-Florida	62	30	20	5	7	158	172	72	15-8-1-7	15-12-4-0	6-3-0-1	W3
Pittsburgh	62	36	21	2	3	198	163	77	20-8-2-0	16-13-0-3	6-3-0-1	W3
Ottawa	65	34	23	6	2	199	192	76	17-12-2-1	17-11-4-1	7-2-1-0	W2
Philadelphia	61	34	20	2	5	203	187	75	14-10-1-4	20-10-1-1	4-5-0-1	W1
New Jersey	62	35	23	1	3	172	170	74	16-12-0-3	19-11-1-0	5-4-0-1	L3
Washington	63	32	26	2	3	172	178	69	21-8-0-2	11-18-2-1	4-5-0-1	W3
Winnipeg	65	30	27	4	4	166	186	68	19-10-1-3	11-17-3-1	5-3-1-1	L2
Toronto	63	29	27	4	3	187	195	65	16-12-3-2	13-15-1-1	1-8-1-0	L5
Tampa Bay	63	29	28	3	3	176	213	64	19-9-1-1	10-19-2-2	6-4-0-0	W1
Buffalo	62	27	27	4	4	154	180	62	16-11-3-4	11-16-1-0	5-3-1-1	L1
NY Islanders	63	26	28	6	3	147	182	61	14-14-5-0	12-14-2-2	4-5-1-0	L2
Carolina	63	24	26	7	6	166	190	61	17-12-0-5	7-14-7-1	5-1-2-2	W1
Montreal	64	24	30	2	8	164	177	58	11-14-2-6	13-16-0-2	3-6-0-1	L5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Vancouver	63	40	16	1	6	203	154	87	18-6-0-4	22-10-1-2	7-1-1-1	L1
d-Detroit	64	42	19	1	2	202	151	87	26-3-1-1	16-16-0-1	7-2-0-1	W1
d-Phoenix	62	32	21	3	6	164	155	73	16-10-2-2	16-11-1-4	9-0-0-1	W5
St. Louis	63	39	17	1	6	161	126	85	26-4-1-3	13-13-0-3	7-3-0-0	W3
Nashville	64	37	20	3	4	181	165	81	21-7-2-3	16-13-1-1	5-3-0-2	L1
Chicago	64	33	24	4	3	193	189	73	21-7-1-3	12-17-3-0	4-6-0-0	L3
San Jose	61	32	22	4	3	177	159	71	18-9-2-0	14-13-2-3	3-6-1-0	L2
Dallas	63	33	26	1	3	165	171	70	18-12-0-2	15-14-1-1	5-3-1-1	W4
Colorado	64	33	27	3	1	168	173	70	18-13-0-1	15-14-3-0	7-2-1-0	W4
Los Angeles	64	29	23	5	7	138	137	70	16-13-0-4	13-10-5-3	3-5-1-1	W1
Calgary	63	28	24	5	6	151	173	67	16-9-1-3	12-14-4-3	4-2-2-2	L4
Minnesota	63	28	26	2	7	139	167	65	15-11-1-3	13-15-1-4	3-6-0-1	L1
Anaheim	63	27	26	4	6	161	178	64	16-13-2-0	11-13-2-6	6-2-0-2	L1
Edmonton	62	25	31	2	4	167	184	56	16-11-2-2	9-20-0-2	4-5-1-0	W1
Columbus	63	18	38	2	5	146	212	43	11-18-1-2	7-20-1-3	3-6-1-0	L3

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results
Florida 5 Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 2 Montreal 1
Ottawa 1 Boston 0
Carolina 4 Nashville 3
Los Angeles 4 Minnesota 0
Washington 3 N.Y. Islanders 2 (OT)
Detroit 5 Columbus 2
Vancouver at Phoenix
Philadelphia at San Jose

Monday's results
Edmonton 5 Winnipeg 3
St. Louis 3 Calgary 1
Colorado 4 Anaheim 1
Nashville 2 Los Angeles 1
N.Y. Rangers 2 New Jersey 0

Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at Chicago, 8 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games
New Jersey at Boston, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Montreal, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Columbus at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
St. Louis at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Buffalo at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's games
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Edmonton, 9:30 p.m.
Calgary at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

PANTHERS 5, MAPLE LEAFS 3

First Period
1. Florida, Goc 6 (Wolski) 0:13
2. Florida, Santorelli 8 (Skille, Gudbranson) 2:21

Penalty — Madden Fla (holding stick) 18:58.

Second Period
3. Toronto, Kessel 32 (Phaneuf, Lupul) 10:46 (pp)
4. Florida, Santorelli 9 (Fleischmann, Campbell) 13:54 (pp)

Penalties — Lupul Tor (hooking) 3:43, Bergenheim Fla (interference) 5:26, Weiss Fla (goaltender interference) 9:32, MacArthur Tor (boarding) 12:36.

Third Period
5. Florida, Garrison 14, 4:38 (pp)
6. Toronto, Kulemin 7 (Phaneuf, MacArthur) 8:48
7. Florida, Weiss 16 (Bergenheim) 9:49
8. Toronto, Lupul 24 (Kessel, Phaneuf) 17:22 (pp)

Penalties — Garrison Fla (hooking) 0:11, Liles Tor (interference) 3:40, Phaneuf Tor (tripping) 13:21, Garrison Fla (slashing) 17:16.

Shots on goal

Florida	4	9	10	—23
Toronto	9	7	15	—31

Goal — Florida: Theodore (W,17-11-6); Toronto: Reimer (L,11-11-4).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Florida: 2-4; Toronto: 2-5.

Referees — Stephen Walkom, Kyle Rehman.

Linesmen — Pierre Champoux, David Brisebois.

Attendance — 19,420 (18,819) at Toronto.

LIGHTNING 2, CANADIENS 1

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 44 (Purcell, St. Louis) 8:42
2. Montreal, Desharnais 13, 16:02

Penalty — Commodore TB (interference) 10:37.

Second Period
3. Tampa Bay, Hall 2 (Malone, Wyman) 0:28

Penalties — Emelin Mtl (interference) 5:56, Staubitz Mtl (interference, misconduct), Malone TB (unsportsmanlike conduct, fighting, game misconduct) 8:16, Connolly TB (tripping) 15:29, Kaberle Mtl (hooking) 17:27.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Staubitz Mtl, Labrie TB (fighting) 3:47, Weber Mtl (high-sticking) 9:37.

Shots on goal

Montreal	9	9	6	—24
Tampa Bay	9	7	6	—22

Goal — Montreal: Price (L,22-24-9); Tampa Bay: Garon (W,21-16-4). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Montreal: 0-3; Tampa Bay: 0-3. **Attendance** — 18,878 (19,204) at Tampa, Fla.

SENATORS 1, BRUINS 0

First Period
1. Ottawa, Karlsson 15 (Michalek, Spezza) 14:44 (pp)

Penalties — Rolston Bos (tripping) 9:41, Seguin Bos (interference) 13:06, Foligno Ott (holding) 16:56.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalty — Lucic Bos (slashing) 12:39.

Third Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Condra Ott (holding stick) 5:13, Foligno Ott (tripping) 9:37, Gonchar Ott (hooking) 17:51.

Shots on goal

Ottawa	13	18	7	—38
Boston	7	8	17	—32

Goal — Ottawa: Lehner (W,3-0-0); Boston: Thomas (L,26-13-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 1-3; Boston: 0-4. **Attendance** — 17,565 (17,565) at Boston.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Malkin, Pgh	37	41	78
Stamkos, TB	43	32	75
Giroux, Pha	23	49	72
Spezza, Ott	28	42	70
H.Sedin, Vcr	13	53	66
Kessel, Tor	31	34	65
Karlsson, Ott	14	51	65
D.Sedin, Vcr	28	35	63
Lupul, Tor	23	39	62
Neal, Pgh	30	31	61
Eberle, Edm	28	33	61
Tavares, NYI	25	36	61
Kovalchuk, NJ	25	35	60
Hossa, Chi	24	36	60
Pominville, Buf	23	36	59
Datsyuk, Det	16	43	59
Hartnell, Pha	30	28	58
St. Louis, TB	22	36	58
Elias, NJ	19	39	58
Parenteau, NYI	15	43	58
Thornton, SJ	14	44	58
Toews, Chi	29	28	57
Ra.Whitney, Phx	18	39	57
Eriksson, Dal	21	34	55
Selanne, Ana	21	34	55
Vrbata, Phx	30	23	53
Gaborik, NYR	29	24	53
Moulson, NYI	26	27	53
Couture, SJ	27	25	52
Marleau, SJ	26	26	52
Parise, NJ	23	29	52
Bergeron, Bos	19	33	52

Last night's games not included

TENNIS

ATP-WTA

ABIERTO MEXICANO TELCEL

At Acapulco, Mexico
Men's Singles — First Round
Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, def. Gilles Simon (3), France, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Albert Ramos, Spain, def. Juan Monaco (6), Argentina, 5-3 retired.
Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Daniel Garza, Mexico, 6-1, 6-3.
Santiago Giraldo, Colombia, def. David Nalbandian, Argentina, 6-2, 6-2.
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Stanislas Wawrinka, Switzerland, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco (8), Spain, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-0, 6-2.
Women's Singles — First Round
Roberta Vinci (1), Italy, def. Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (5).
Anna Tatishvili, Georgia, def. Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Alexandra Dulgheru (5), Romania, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (3).
Johanna Larsson (6), Sweden, def. Sesil Karatantcheva, Bulgaria, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Sara Errani (3), Italy, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-1, 6-1.
Estrella Cabeza Candela, Spain, def. Lourdes Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
Edina Gallovits-Hall, Romania, def. Greta Arn, Hungary, 7-5, 7-5.

WTA

BMW MALAYSIAN OPEN

At Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Singles — First Round
Jarmila Gajdosova (4), Australia, def. Kathrin Woerle, Germany, 1-6, 7-6 (2), 7-5.
Jill Craybas, United States, def. Yurika Sema, Japan, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4.
Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Sania Mirza, India, 6-2, 1-6, 6-4.
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, def. Anne Keothavong (8), Britain, 6-4, 7-5.
Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Iryna Bremond, France, 6-0, 6-2.
Peng Shuai (3), China, def. Yvonne Meusburger, Austria, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
Ayumi Morita (6), Japan, def. Nudnida Luangnam, Thailand, 6-4, 6-0.
Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Chang Kai-chen, Taiwan, 6-3, 6-2.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-0, 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (2), Serbia, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 7-6 (4), 4-6, 7-6 (2).

ATP

DELRAY BEACH INTERNATIONAL

At Delray Beach, Fla.
Singles — First Round
Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-4, 6-1.
Philipp Kohlschreiber (5), Germany, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 6-1, 6-4.
Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Marin Cilic (2), Croatia, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Viktor Troicki (3), Serbia, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.
John Isner (1), United States, def. Jesse Levine, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (15).
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Tim Smyczek, United States, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5.
Kevin Anderson (7), South Africa, def. Austin Krajicek, United States, 6-1, 6-4.
Marinko Matosevic, Australia, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-3, 6-4.
Alex Bogomolov Jr. (6), Russia, def. Michael Yani, United States, 6-3, 6-1.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

DETROIT TIGERS—Agreed to terms RHP Collin Balester, RHP Luis Marte, RHP David Pauley, INF Danny Worth and OF Clete Thomas on one-year contracts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS—Named Bryan Robinson vice president of human resources.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with RHP Jorge De Leon and OF J.B. Shuck on one-year contracts.

BASKETBALL

NBA

MIAMI HEAT—Signed C Mickell Gladness to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

NFL

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed LB Ahmad Brooks to a six-year contract extension with through the 2017 season.

CFL

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS—Named John Zamberlin linebackers coach.
SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Signed QB Colt Brennan and QB Drew Willy.

HOCKEY

NHL

BOSTON BRUINS—Recalled C Max Sauve from Providence (AHL) on an emergency basis.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Recalled F Brandon Bollig from Rockford (AHL).
DETROIT RED WINGS—Recalled D Doug Janik from Grand Rapids (AHL).
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled F Mike Angelidis, F Trevor Smith, F Pierre-Cedric Labrie and D Evan Oberg from Norfolk (AHL). Reassigned F Alex Hutchings from Florida (ECHL) Everblades to Norfolk.
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Milwaukee at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Cleveland at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at Utah, 9 p.m.
Chicago at San Antonio, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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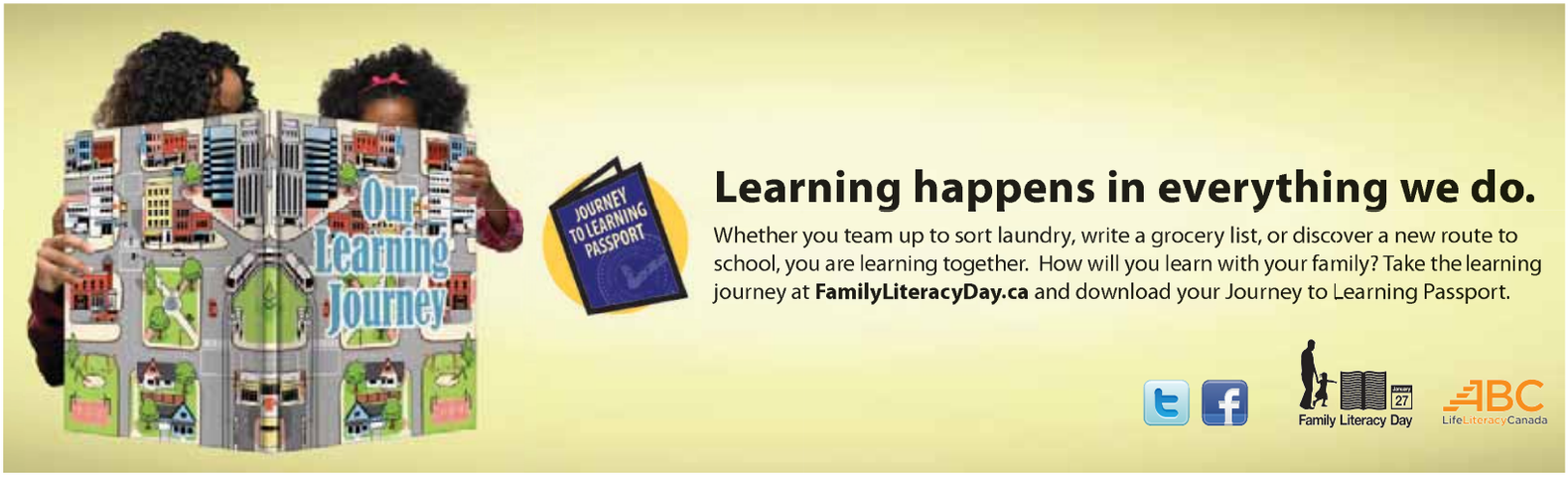
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Motor and battery

The 107-kilowatt (143-horsepower) motor directs its 184 pound-feet of torque to the front wheels for a maximum 134 km/h through a single-speed transmission.

The lithium-ion battery pack is located beneath and behind the rear seat that, due to its bulk, cuts down on the hatchback's available stowage space while adding significant heft.

Cabin

The cabin features considerable advanced technology. There's a special version of the MyFord Touch information system that includes battery-charging state, expected remaining range and how much energy is being consumed by the vehicle's accessories.

There's more. At the end of every trip, the display screen shows total distance driven and the additional distance gained through regenerative braking. Put simply, when you brake, the battery pack is being charged.

Range

To maintain the battery pack at its optimum operating temperature, Ford uses a liquid heating and cooling system to help the car deliver on its 160-kilometre-range claim — maximum range, not average — but that will still require a light touch of the pedal and avoiding excessive use of electrical accessories such as the climate control.

And who knows what kind of range you'll get in a good old-fashioned Canadian winter.

BASE PRICE: $42,700

▶ There's no explanation why the battery pack is in the back and the charge port is at the front, other than it's close to the driver's door and in plain sight.

Focusing on an electric

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Trading fossil-fuel fill-ups for electrical current flowing from a charging station is still a new idea, but Ford is providing a way for you to get in on the ground floor.

Unlike the Chevrolet Volt, Nissan Leaf and Mitsubishi iMiEV that are all proprietary designs, Ford developed the new Focus Electric using the existing Focus platform and body, although a distinctive nose and a charging port door on the driver's-side front fender are dead giveaways as to the car's unique propulsion. And it's that system — moreover, the way it charges — that makes the Focus Electric unique.

Ford claims that a full charge will require three to four hours, or about half the time required by the benchmark Nissan Leaf.

This is due to circuitry designed for higher throughput as opposed to significant differences in battery design. Three hours is a relatively short amount of time that also requires a 240-volt charging station. Otherwise, you can count on a lengthy 18-20 hours from a standard 120-volt outlet using a cord that's included, which is clearly not the way to go for busy or impatient people. A quick calculation puts the cost of driving 100 kilometres at about $2. That's about half of what even the best hybrid can do and there's no tailpipe emissions at all with the Focus Electric.

▶ Batteries are heavy. The Focus Electric weighs about 300 kilograms more than a regular Focus.

▶ The dash's well-woven combination of chunky bits sets the tone for the interior. It's detail that you would be hard pressed to find in a luxury car 10 years ago.

Focus Electric

What you should know about the 2012 Ford Focus Electric:

- **Type:** Four-door, front-wheel-drive compact hatchback.
- **Engine (hp):** 107-kilowatt electric (143).
- **Transmission:** Single speed.
- **Market position:** Joins a handful of similarly powered models. Like any niche vehicle, electrics are not for everyone, nor are they intended to be. City dwellers with short runs and easy access to power supplies are best suited.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km equivalent (city/hwy) N/A.

5 drive

By comparison

Nissan Leaf
Base price: $40,400
Roomy hatchback gets high marks for functionality, if not for elegance.

Chevrolet Volt
Base price: $43,000
Backup gasoline generator makes this electric the most practical.

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Lunch date? New app tells your car

Researchers aim to ease 'anxiety' of driving electric cars

DRIVING FORCE

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While electric vehicles may hold a promise of a gasoline-free future, they are not without their drawbacks, including the need to schedule their battery recharging. A new smartphone application being developed by researchers at the University of Windsor could take much of the hassle out of that.

Not only does the app monitor the car's battery charge, but it will search out charging stations and even work with your datebook to optimize your driving schedule.

"We wanted to take out some of the driver's anxiety," says Kemal Tepe, an associate professor and director of the university's Wireless Communications and Information Processing Lab.

"We tell you how far you can go with this vehicle in the current state of the charge, but the uniqueness of the application is to match the charging schedule to your calendar."

Using the driver's appointments entered into the smartphone's calendar, and with the battery charge information from the car, the app will map out the destinations, offering the most efficient routes or even suggesting rescheduling appointments around the car's charging requirements.

"This application combines several applications and information and then processes it," Tepe says.

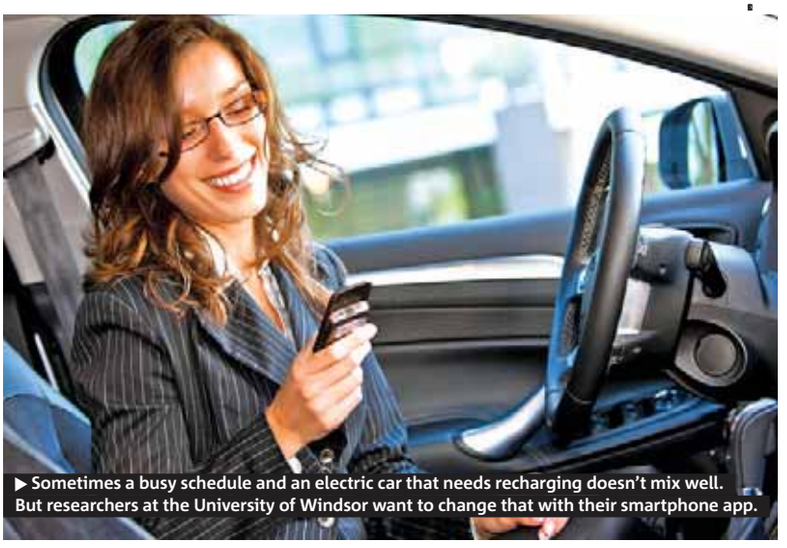
"Let's say you come to work and have an urgent meeting in the afternoon. You enter it into your schedule, which ties it into the smartphone, and the application will grab this information and tell you if it has enough charge to get there, or not enough."

Tepe says the app could be optimized to the electrical grid to identify the least-expensive charging times. While it would prioritize lower-cost electricity, it would also monitor upcoming appointments and, if necessary, start when needed to have the battery charged by the time the driver has to leave.

The app could also reduce the number of times the car is plugged in.

"You have a limited number of charging cycles," Tepe says, adding that it could be up to 2,000 times, "but every time you charge it, you are counting down."

Even though you may stop for lunch next to a charging station, "the app will tell you that you can make one day's trips on that charge, so you don't need to waste one of those charging opportunities and it will tell you to skip the charge," he says.



▶ Sometimes a busy schedule and an electric car that needs recharging doesn't mix well. But researchers at the University of Windsor want to change that with their smartphone app.

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Used Aveo will appeal mostly on price

SECOND GEAR

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The Chevrolet Aveo has been given the axe to clear the way for the new Chevrolet Sonic — meaning the automaker's former entry-level model is now fully into the used vehicle marketplace.

The last generation Aveo was on sale from 2004 to 2011 and available in hatchback or sedan variants. Look for features like folding rear seats, remote access, power accessories and cruise control.

Note that the LS models were more basic, while LT models were more loaded.

2004-11 Chevrolet Aveo/Aveo5

Engine

All Aveo models got a 1.6-litre, 103-horsepower four-cylinder driving the front wheels via a four-speed automatic or five-speed manual.

What owners like

Most Aveo owners speak highly about surprising levels of interior roominess, low operating costs, relative fuel efficiency and responsive steering.

What owners dislike

Cheap interior trim, a light or "flimsy" feel, soft suspension, cupholder size and placement, and easily-chipped paint round out the most common complaints.

Common issues

Numerous instances of broken timing belts have been reported by owners online — so be sure the timing belt on the model you're considering isn't overdue for a change. If it snaps and fails while you're driving, your trip will stop dead in its tracks. A timing belt is a part that needs to be changed pre-emptively ahead of failure to keep your engine running. Make sure the automatic transmission is easy to shift into and out of gear, too.

Verdict

Aveo is far from the most reliable compact car in its segment — though relatively inexpensive repairs, cheap operating costs and low resale values will make it an affordable option worth considering for low-mileage drivers.

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▶ Does your garage actually have a vehicle in it? Or is it a man cave?

We're used to vehicles being persona non grata at certain venues, like pedestrian parks, islands, nature reserves, etc. But actual garages?

Yes, that's right. More and more homeowners are opting to make their garages a car-free zone.

Jordan Oliveira of Canadian Tire broke the news to me this past week. Oliveira is Canadian Tire's point man for storage solutions, and noted that the company has been aware of this trend for a while, and has increasingly been introducing more storage and "man cave" products to Canadian Tire's garage-orientated line-up.

He said that high housing prices, combined with many baby boomers downsizing their abodes, have conspired to make useable floor space harder to come by in most homes, and more at a premium.

Too premium, I guess, for something like a 1994 Dodge Cavalier. Let it sleep in the rain and the snow. I need to store my collection of Star Wars memorabilia.

And when the guys come around, they find it more comfortable and relaxing in the garage, than the pretty, front "sitting" room — the one with all those small, accent pillows.

I kind of did a double take when Jordan first mentioned the car banishment trend, but really shouldn't have even batted an eye.

High housing prices, combined with many baby boomers downsizing their abodes, have conspired to make useable floor space harder to come by in most homes, and more at a premium.

For one thing, the last time I was in my neighbour Tony's garage, I did notice a distinct lack of Acura MDX, and a distinct abundance of other things, like drum kit, bass guitar and amplifier, small fridge, dart board, stools and one old sofa, iPod dock with four large speakers, and a fake fish aquarium (the kind you plug in to make the background go around and around, while the fish stay fixed forever in time and space).

I guess just repeating the reality in my head — No cars! In the garage! — was too paradoxical for my brain to handle at that particular moment.

I greatly enjoy my time in Tony's garage, so I'm not suggesting we reverse this trend, only that we never forget the car's pioneering role in the creation of the garage.

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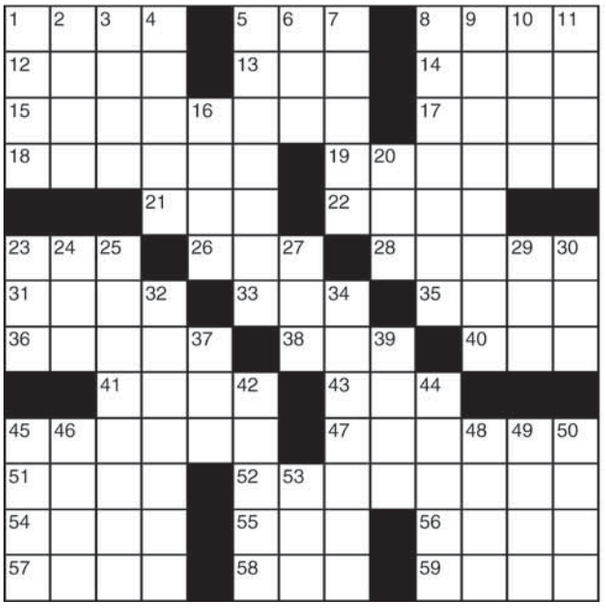

Across

1 Syringe, for short
5 TiVo, for example
8 iPhone downloads
12 Really long time
13 Midafternoon, on a sundial
14 Crooner Jerry
15 Firm adherent to a cause
17 Ontario neighbor
18 Scabbard
19 Stocking holder
21 Apiece
22 Kill
23 Swiss mountain
26 Treasure seeker's aid
28 Spry
31 Water vessel
33 "Golly!"
35 Oklahoma city
36 Hannah Montana portrayer Miley
38 Pismire
40 Bygone Pontiac muscle car
41 Walked (on)
43 Stomach
45 Actress Headly
47 Frightened
51 Continental coin
52 Bit
54 Have coming
55 Peculiar
56 Reedy
57 Seeks restitution
58 Pirouette pivot
59 Spud's buds

Down

1 Chance occurrences
2 "Why not?"
3 Sweat outlet
4 Available
5 Symbol of limpness
6 By way of
7 "Lord of the —"
8 Par
9 Whooping it up
10 Ballet bend
11 Prognosticator
16 Detail
20 Chicken — king
23 "The View" network
24 Myrna of Hollywood
25 Path-filled garden
27 Shooter ammo
29 Torched
30 Tokyo's old name
32 Strong likes
34 Fencing call
37 Bart, to Homer
39 Clump of grass
42 Station
44 Hackneyed
45 The Bee —
46 Hawaiian feast
48 Needing liniment
49 Nastase of tennis lore
50 Lairs
53 Fuss

▶ Yeterday's answer

W	A	L	L		V	E	G		C	L	A	P
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5			3		2			9
4	7	1				3	2	8
		2	9		3	7		
3								2
		9	4		5	6		
9	2	6				8	7	4
1			8		7			5

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2	6	5	9	1	4	8	3	7
1	3	2	4	5	7	6	9	8
6	7	4	3	9	8	2	5	1
8	5	9	6	2	1	7	4	3
7	9	8	5	4	3	1	2	6
3	4	6	1	7	2	5	8	9
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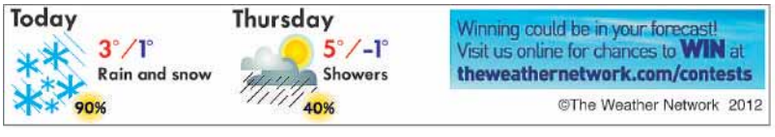

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
Today's good news will make you feel a lot better about your financial situation. Always be positive.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
What happens today will inspire you to give a project you have been on the verge of ending another go. It can be made to work.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
What you see or hear today will remind you that compared to other people, you are quite lucky.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
Do you believe in yourself? The only thing that is holding you back, Cancer, is the idiotic idea that you are not good enough. You are.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
There's no point trying to predict how people are going to act because they are on a completely different wavelength to you.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
You seem very positive in your outlook at the moment, which is good, but you still need to back it up with hard work.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Good news regarding your money situation will cheer you up, but it's only a short-term development.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Listen to what friends have to tell you today, even if it isn't what you were hoping to hear.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21
Do something out of the ordinary today, something even your friends think is outrageous.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
You will see something that everyone else has missed. Act quickly and turn it to your advantage.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
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♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
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